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PREPARE FOR
BATTLE, YOUNG
VILTRUMITE.

I'M HERE
TO GIVE YOUR
LIFE **GLORY**--
OR AN **ENDING**.
I AM ANXIOUS
TO SEE WHICH
IT WILL BE.



I'M
NOT.

ANDRESSA,
HEAD FOR THE
MOUTH OF THE
CAVE. QUICKLY,
PLEASE.



YOU'RE--
PROTECTING
THESE TWO...
WHY? NOLAN
COULDN'T HAVE...
THAT'S JUST--
THERE'S NO
WAY.

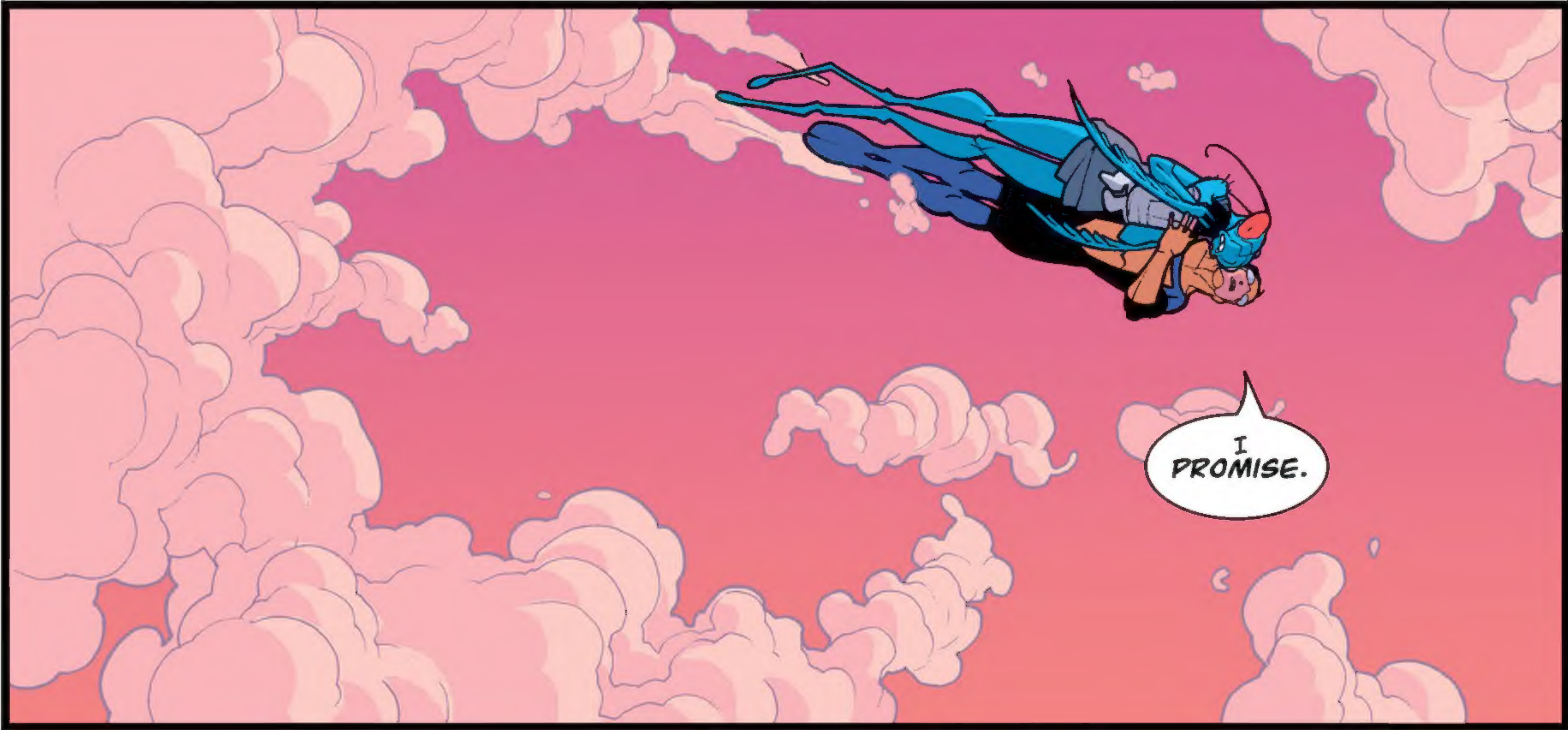
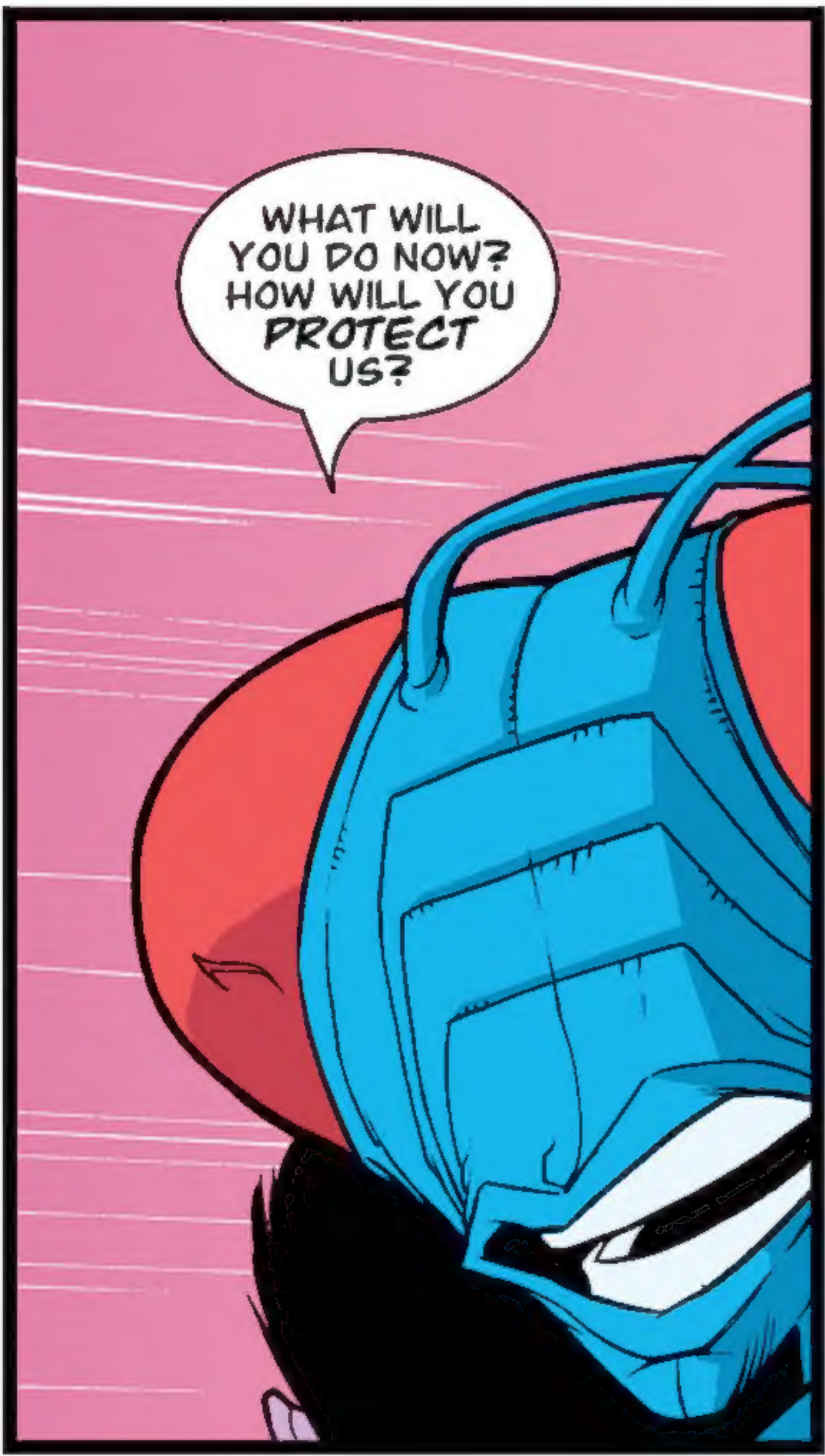


HE DID. HE ABANDONED
YOUR WORLD AND CAME
HERE--AND CREATED
ANOTHER OFFSPRING
WITH THESE--
CREATURES.



I'M JUST...
STUNNED. THIS
IS JUST...
UNBELIEVABLE.







MARK?

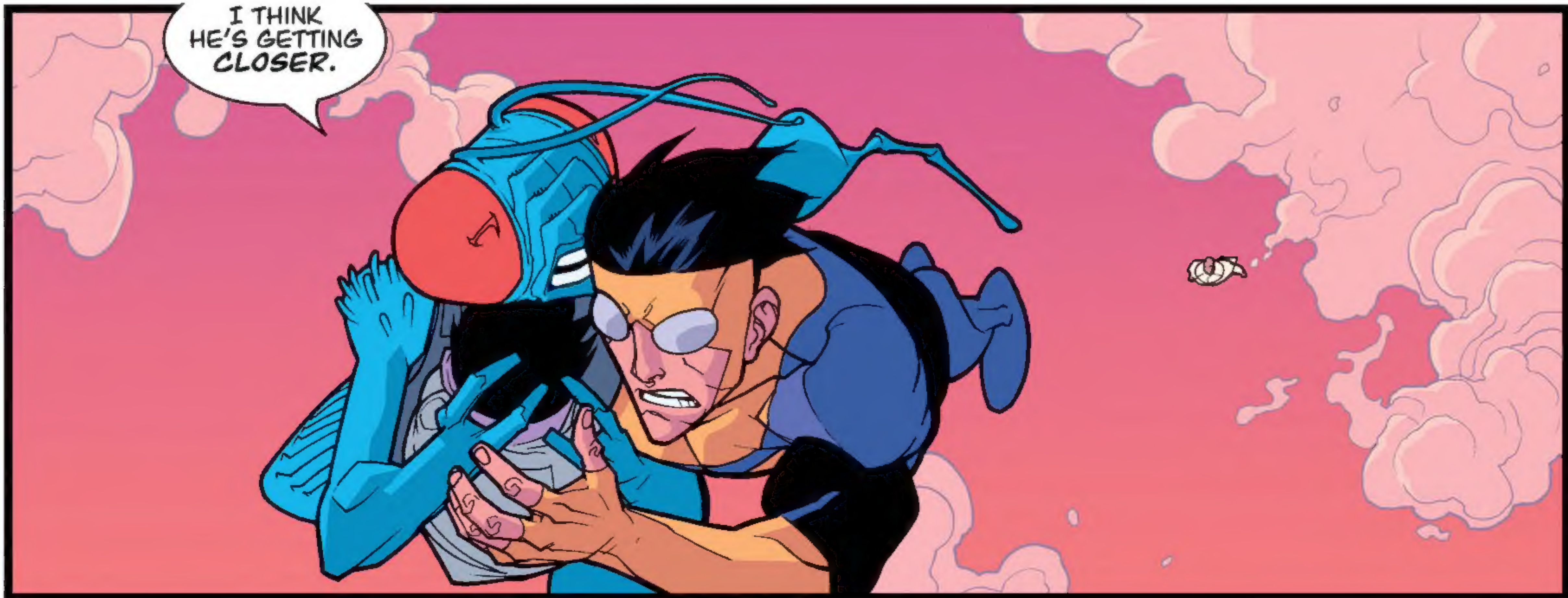


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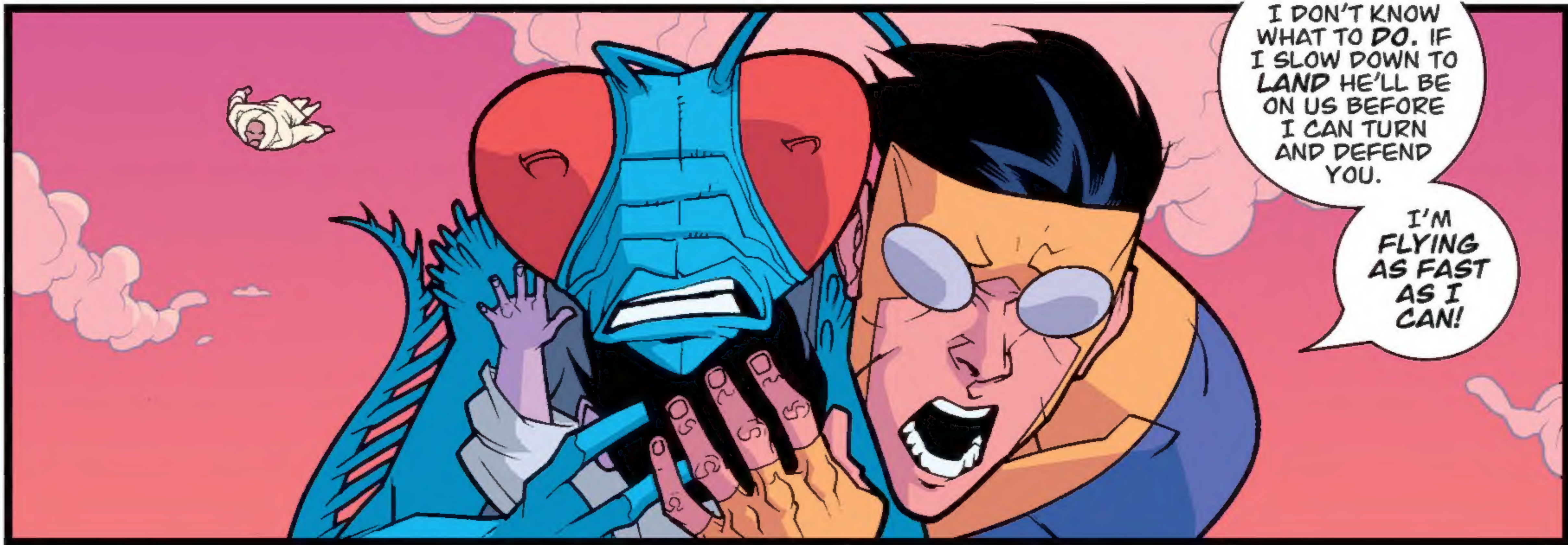
CRAP!



JUST TRY TO KEEP AN EYE ON HIM. WE CAN'T HIDE YOU NOW BUT I CAN TRY TO OUTFLY HIM... MAYBE HE'S NOT AS FAST AS ME!

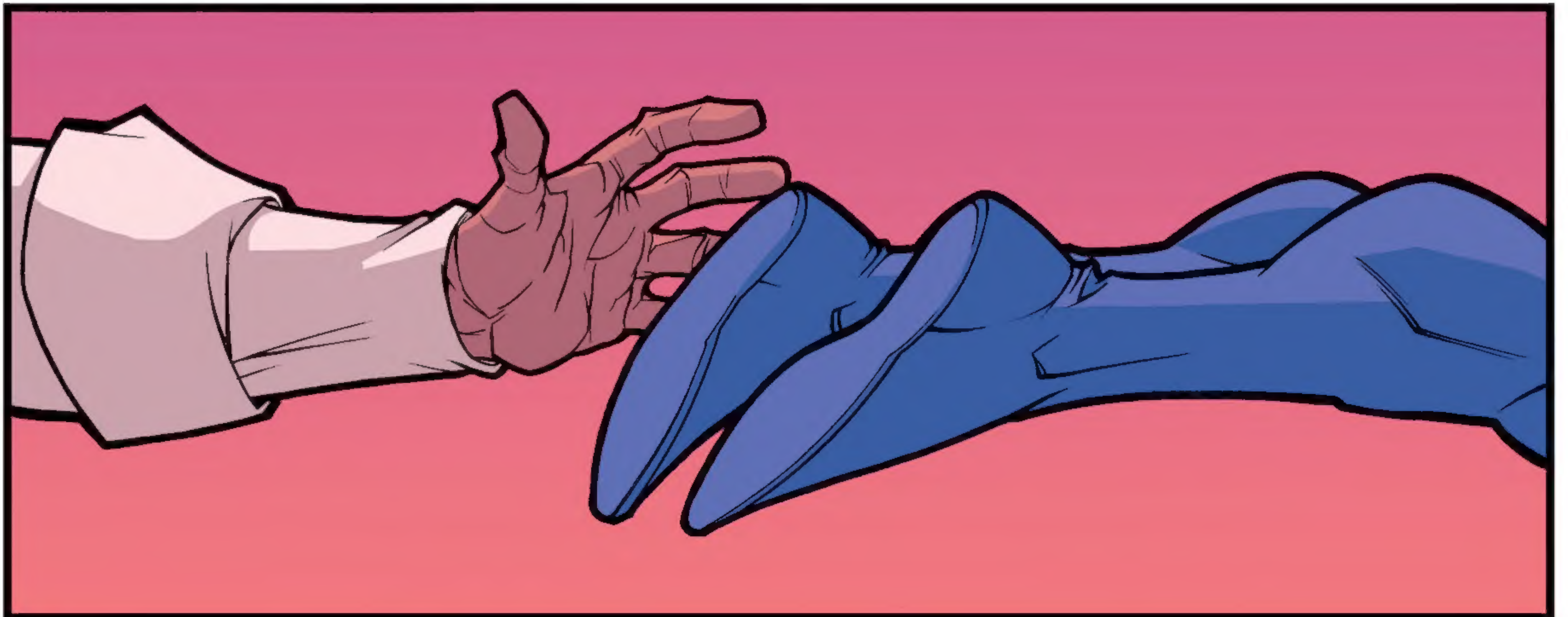
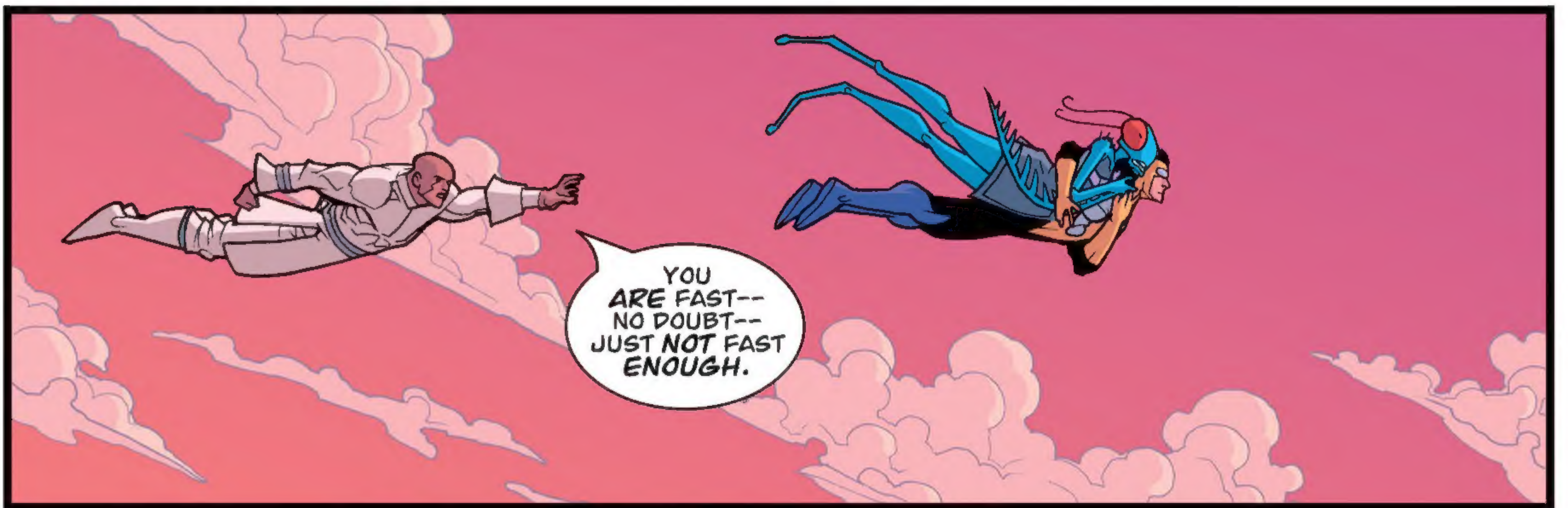


I THINK HE'S GETTING CLOSER.



I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. IF I SLOW DOWN TO LAND HE'LL BE ON US BEFORE I CAN TURN AND DEFEND YOU.

I'M FLYING AS FAST AS I CAN!







OH,
THANK
GOD!



WHAT HAPPENED?
WHERE DID THE
VILTRUMITE
GO?

MY
DAD. HE
SAVED
US.



I'VE--
I'VE GOT
TO LAND.



OKAY,
HERE. WE'LL
WAIT HERE--
FIGURE OUT
WHERE WE CAN
GO TO KEEP
YOU SAFE.



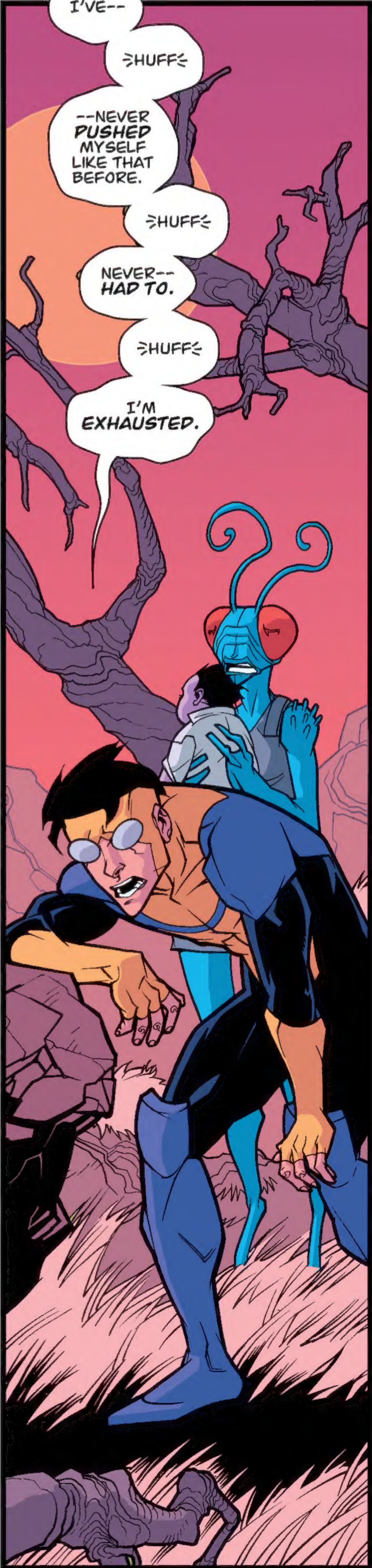
ARE YOU
OKAY?

≡HUFF≡

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I'VE--

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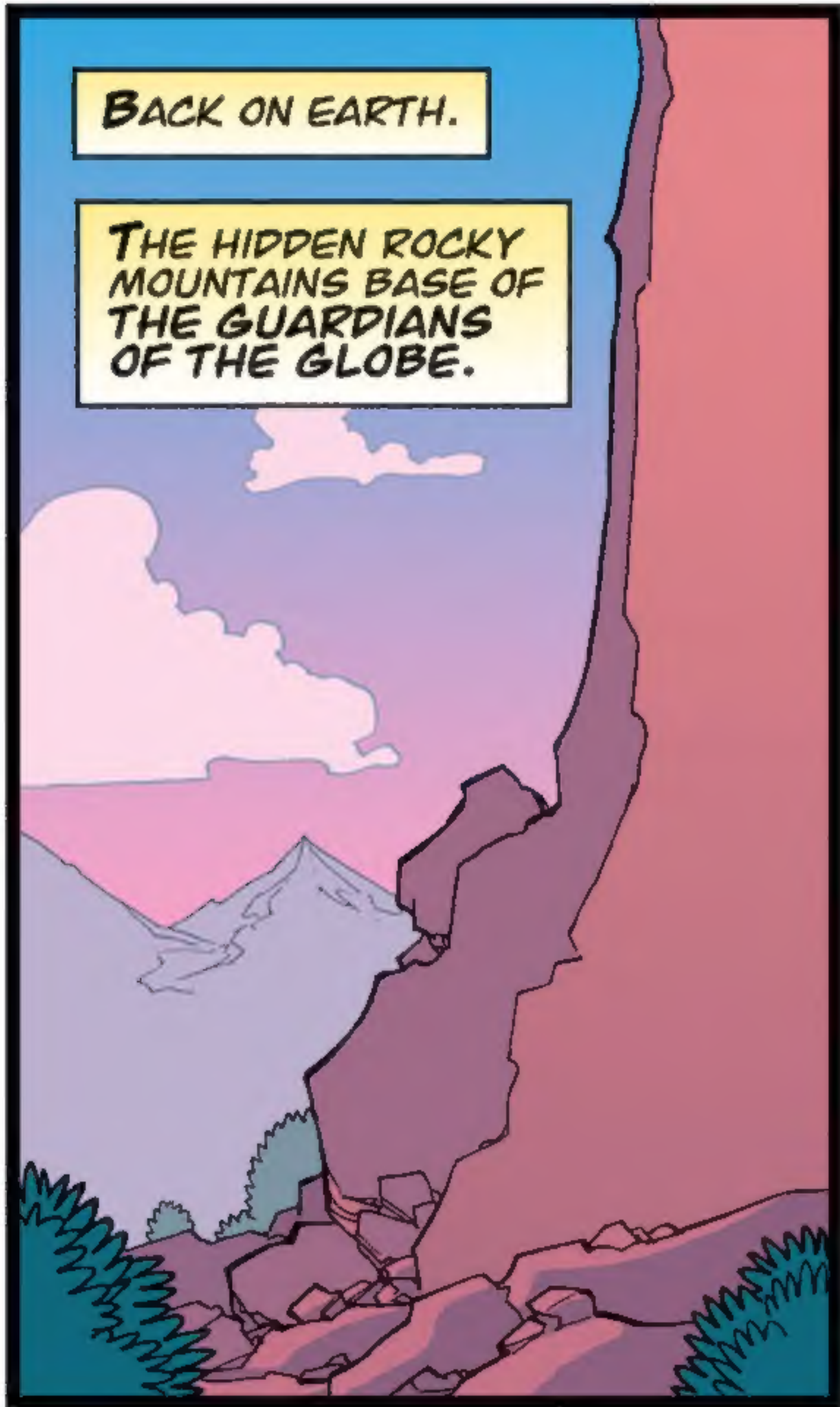
--NEVER
PUSHED
MYSELF
LIKE THAT
BEFORE.

≡HUFF≡

NEVER--
HAD TO.

≡HUFF≡

I'M
EXHAUSTED.



BACK ON EARTH.

THE HIDDEN ROCKY MOUNTAINS BASE OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE GLOBE.



SAMSON, I WAS WANTING TO--

--TALK TO YOU.



I KNOW. DATED. VERY DATED.

I'M PLANNING ON GETTING A NEW ONE. I PROMISE. I JUST WANTED TO TRY IT ON JUST IN CASE.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

MY POWER SUIT WAS DESTROYED BY MONSTER GIRL IN THE FIGHT WITH OMNIPOTUS, AND I'VE GOT MY POWERS BACK NOW, SO I DON'T REALLY NEED IT. SO I FIGURED I'D SEE IF THIS COSTUME WOULD STILL WORK.

IT DOESN'T.



HOW ARE YOU FEELING?



GOOD. I'VE GOT MY POWERS BACK. I'VE BEEN WORSE. MY POWER LEVELS ARE BACK DOWN TO NORMAL. OR WHAT THEY WERE BEFORE I LOST THEM.



BEING IN THE COMA, IT GAVE MY BODY A CHANCE TO HEAL-- RESET ITSELF OR SOMETHING. ALL THAT TIME WITHOUT POWERS SORT OF BUILD UP IN ME, GAVE ME THAT SUDDEN BURST OF EXTRA POWER NEEDED TO PUSH OMNIPOTUS BACK INTO HIS UNIVERSE.



BUT IT'S GONE NOW. I'M BACK TO BEING REGULAR OLD BLACK SAMSON.

I JUST WANTED TO SAY... IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK.



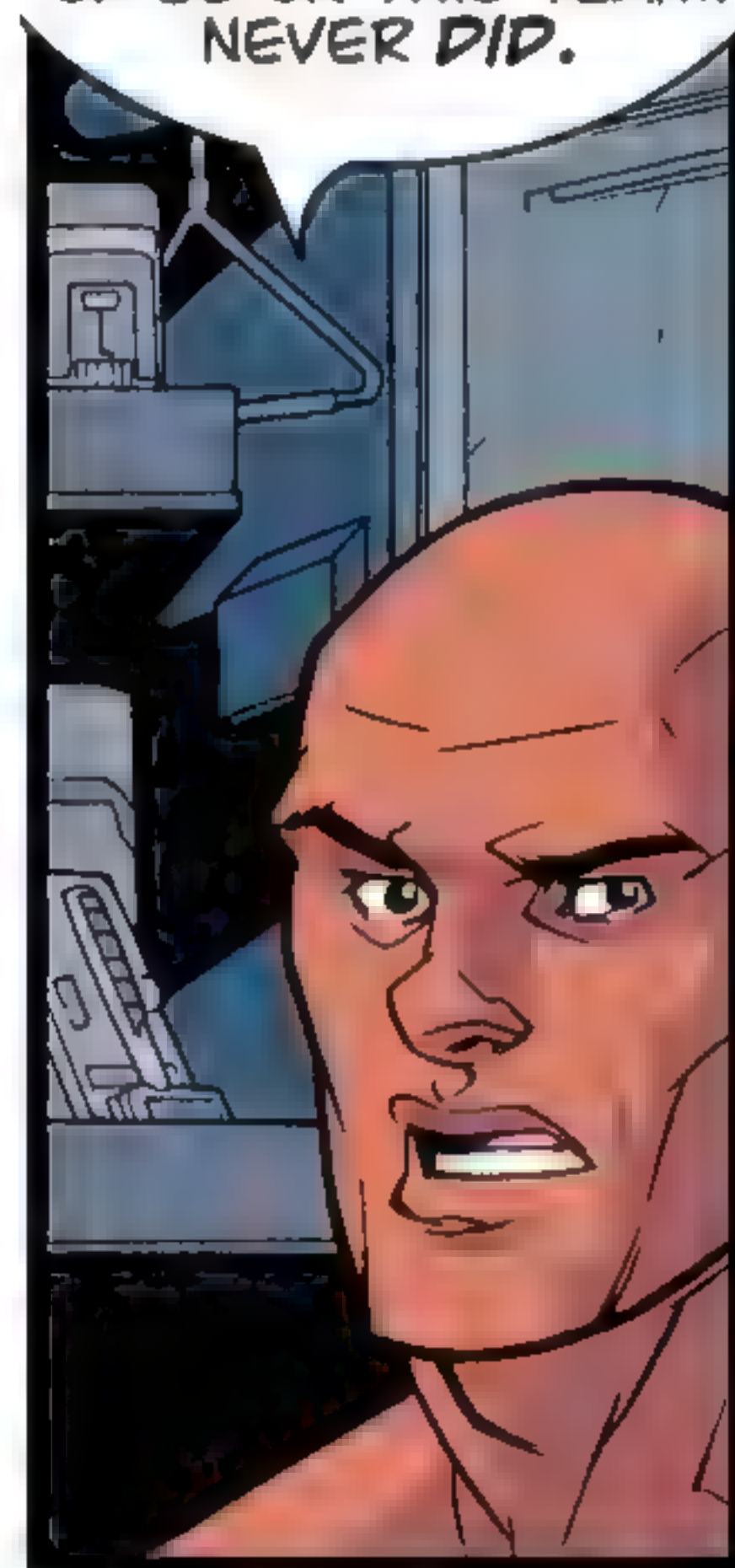
YEAH. SURE, MAN. LIKE YOU CARE.



EXCUSE ME?



I WAS IN A COMA FOR A FEW MONTHS. YOU NEVER VISITED ME. I ASKED AROUND. I KNOW YOU DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT ANY OF US ON THIS TEAM. NEVER DID.



I'LL ADMIT IT. YOU'RE RIGHT. I DIDN'T.

BEFORE.

BUT THINGS ARE CHANGING. I'M CHANGING.



DO YOU KNOW WHY I NEVER VISITED YOU? WHY I NEVER REALLY GOT TO KNOW ANY OF THE ORIGINAL GUARDIANS? WHY I WAS SO DISTANT--DISCONNECTED?

YOU KNOW MY HISTORY, THE THINGS I'VE BEEN THROUGH, HOW LONG I'VE BEEN AROUND. YOU KNOW EVERYTHING. YOU ALL DID. STILL, YOU NEVER QUITE UNDERSTOOD.

I'VE SEEN THOUSANDS DIE. MANY OF THEM VERY CLOSE TO ME. I'VE LOST HUNDREDS OF WIVES, FRIENDS--EVEN THE ENEMIES STARTED GETTING TO ME AFTER A WHILE, AND I WANTED SOME OF THEM DEAD.

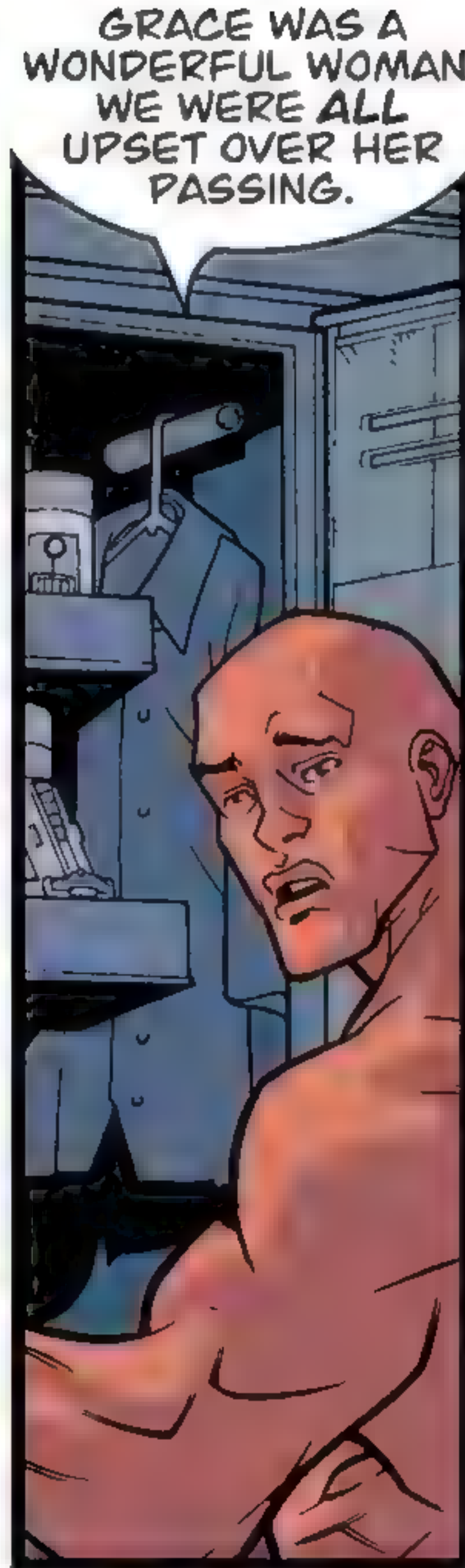


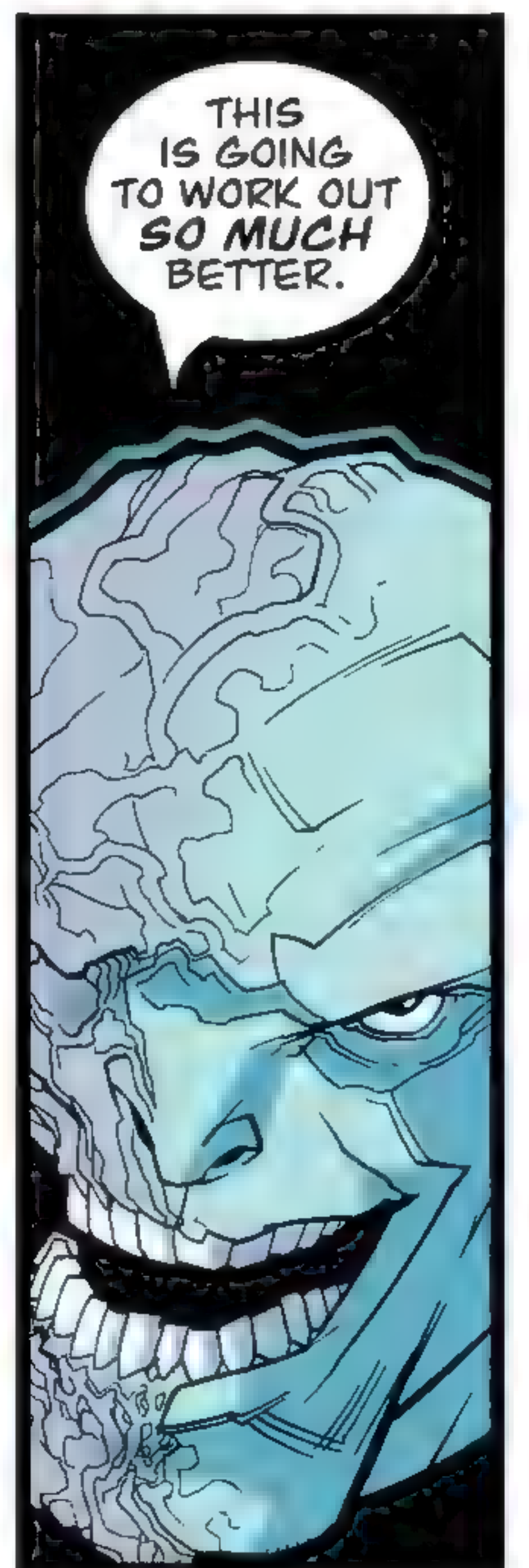
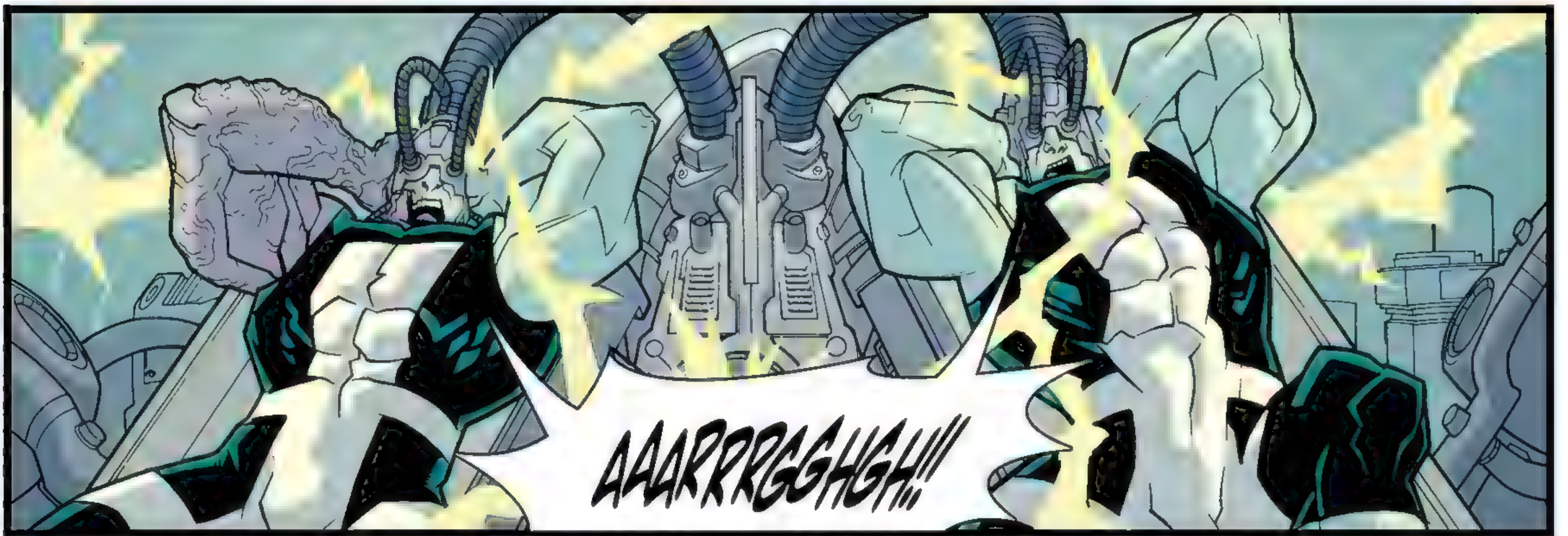
YOU HAVE TO REALIZE. I REMEMBER EVERY ONE OF THEM--EVERY LAST ONE. I REMEMBER THE SOUND OF THEIR VOICES, THE SMELL OF THEIR HAIR, THEIR FAVORITE THINGS, EVERYTHING.

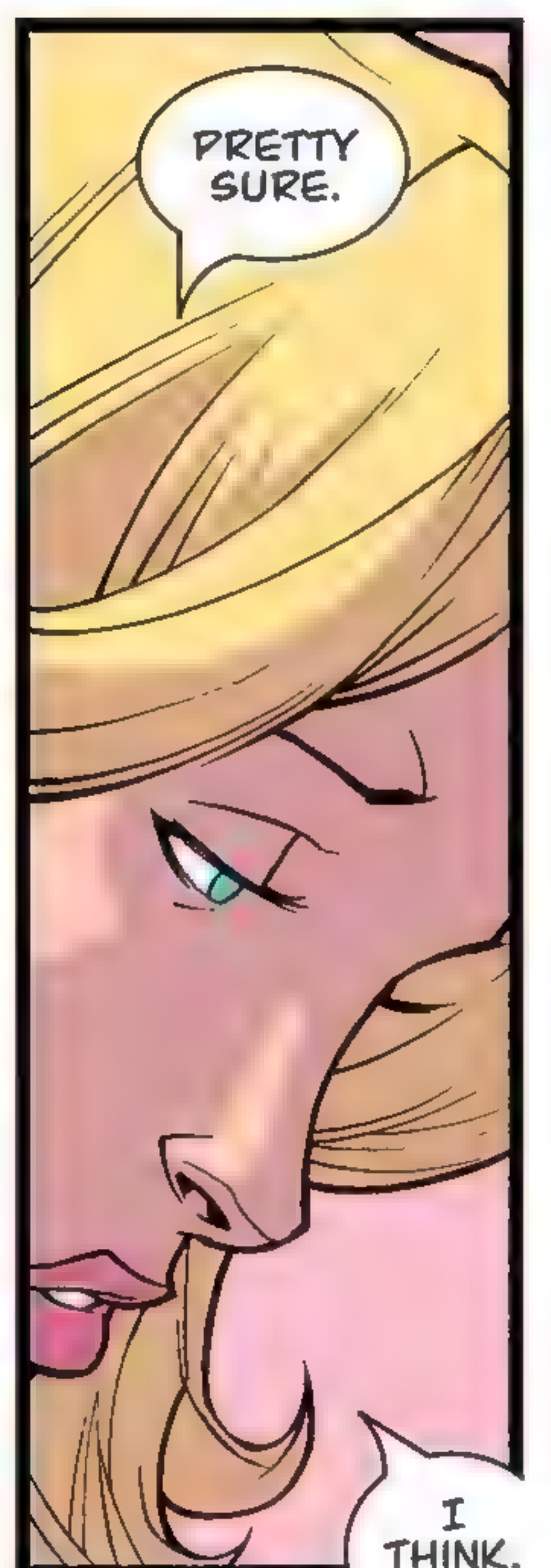
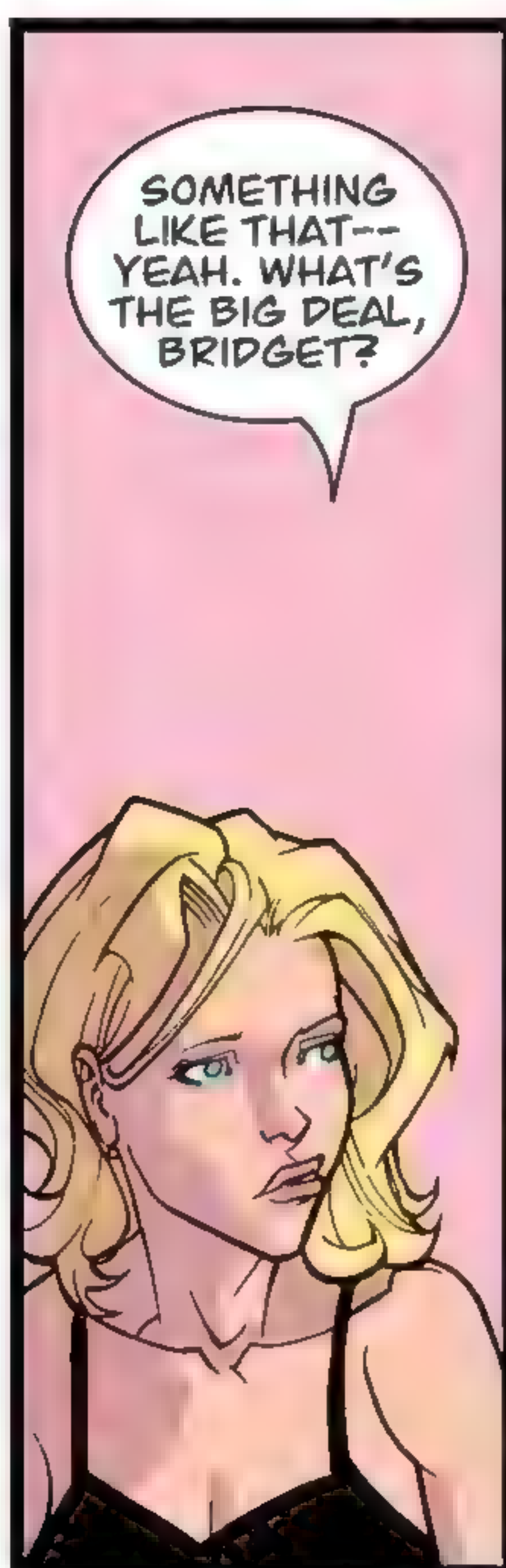
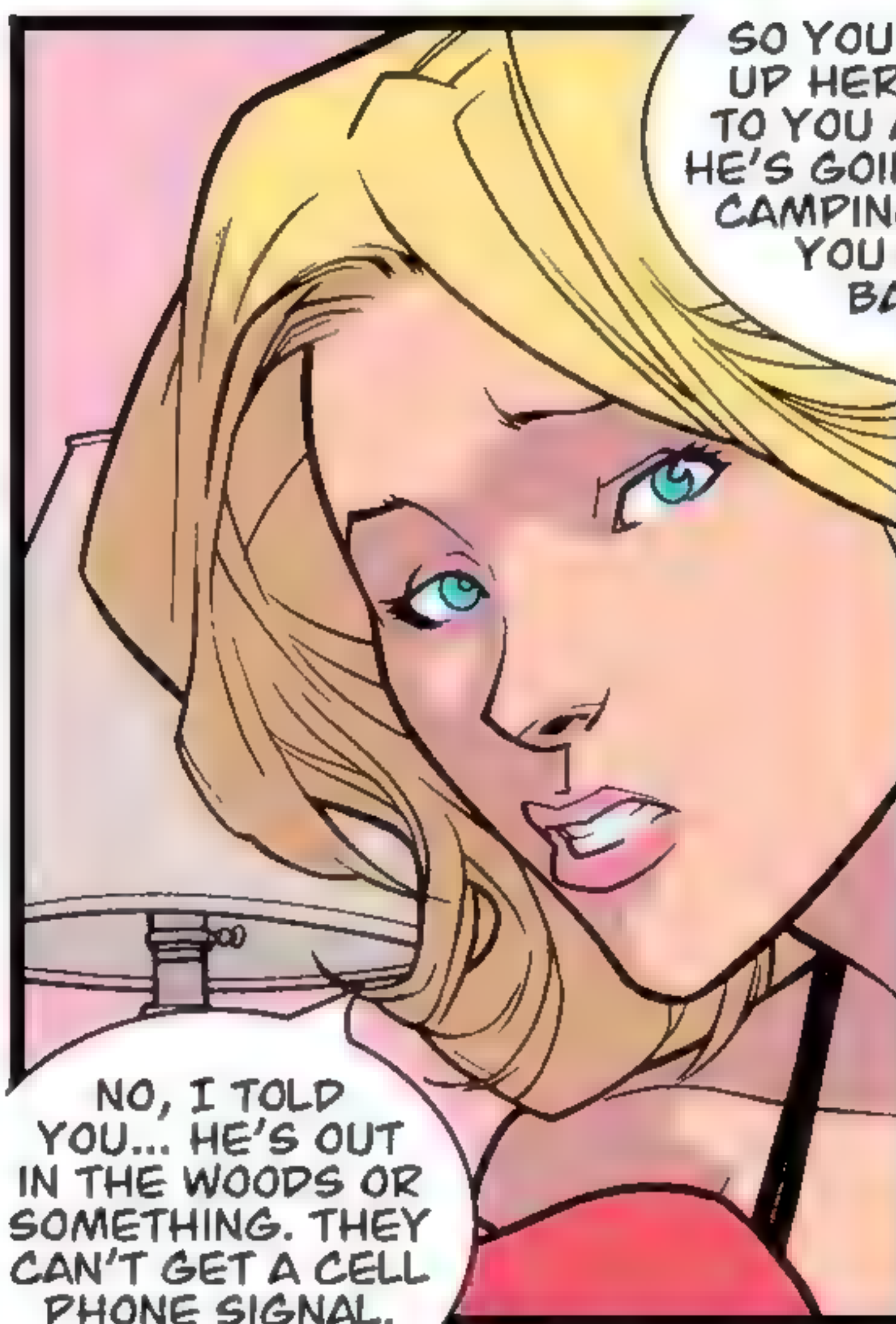
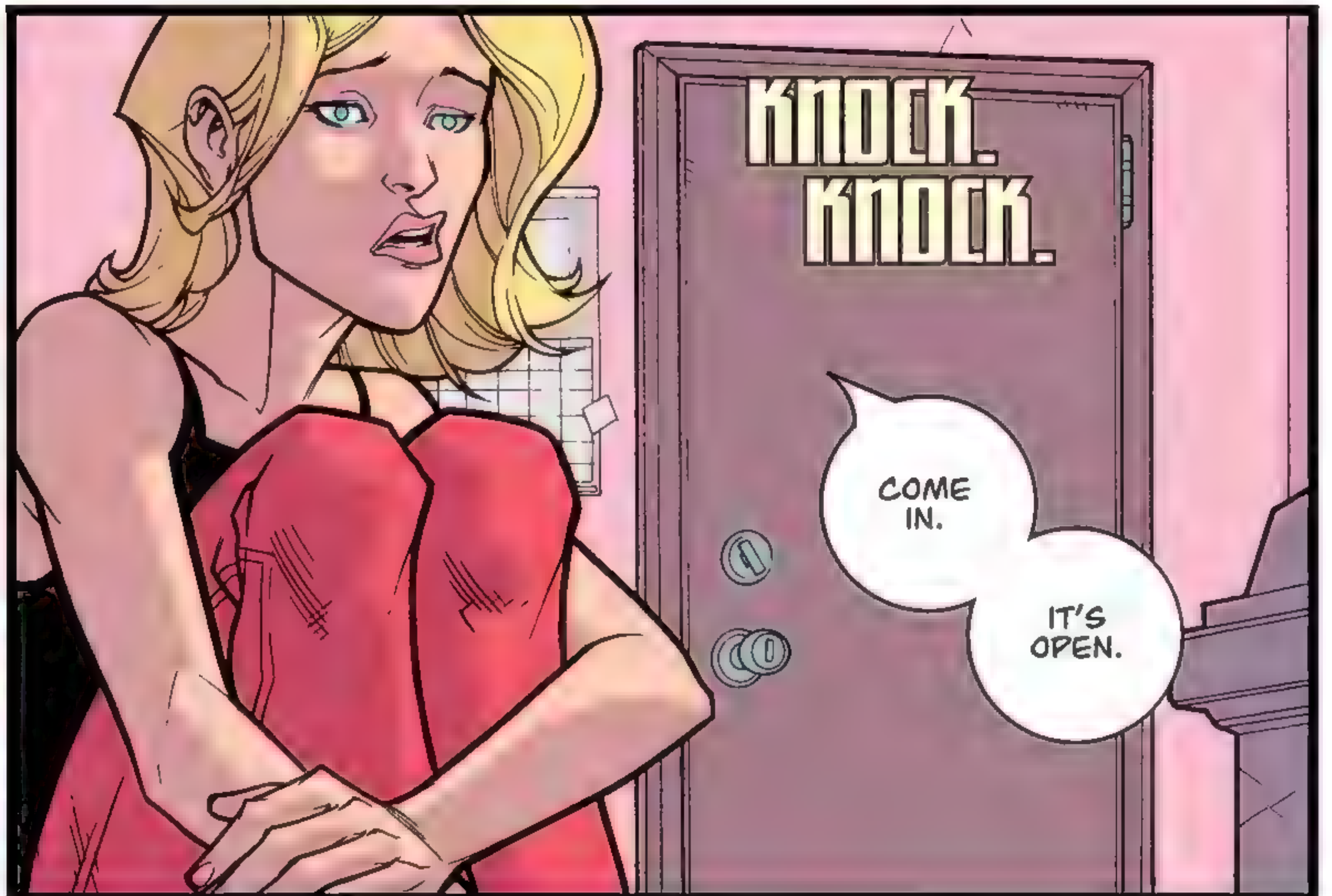
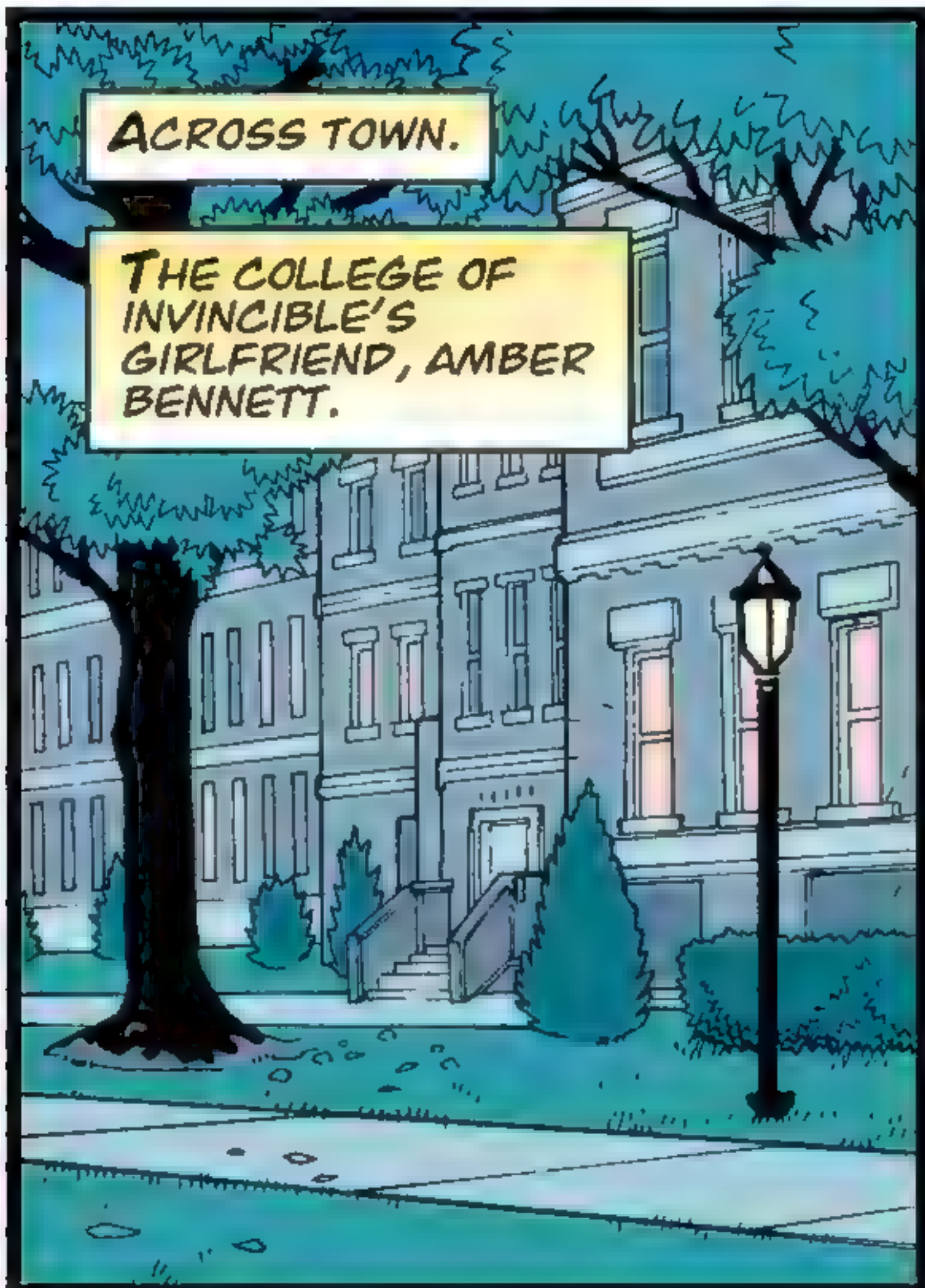
I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN. THE YEARS CONTINUE ON--AND SO DO I, UNCHANGED... BUT THE PEOPLE AROUND ME--THEY TOUCH MY LIFE, I EXPERIENCE THEM, THEY BECOME A PART OF MY LIFE.

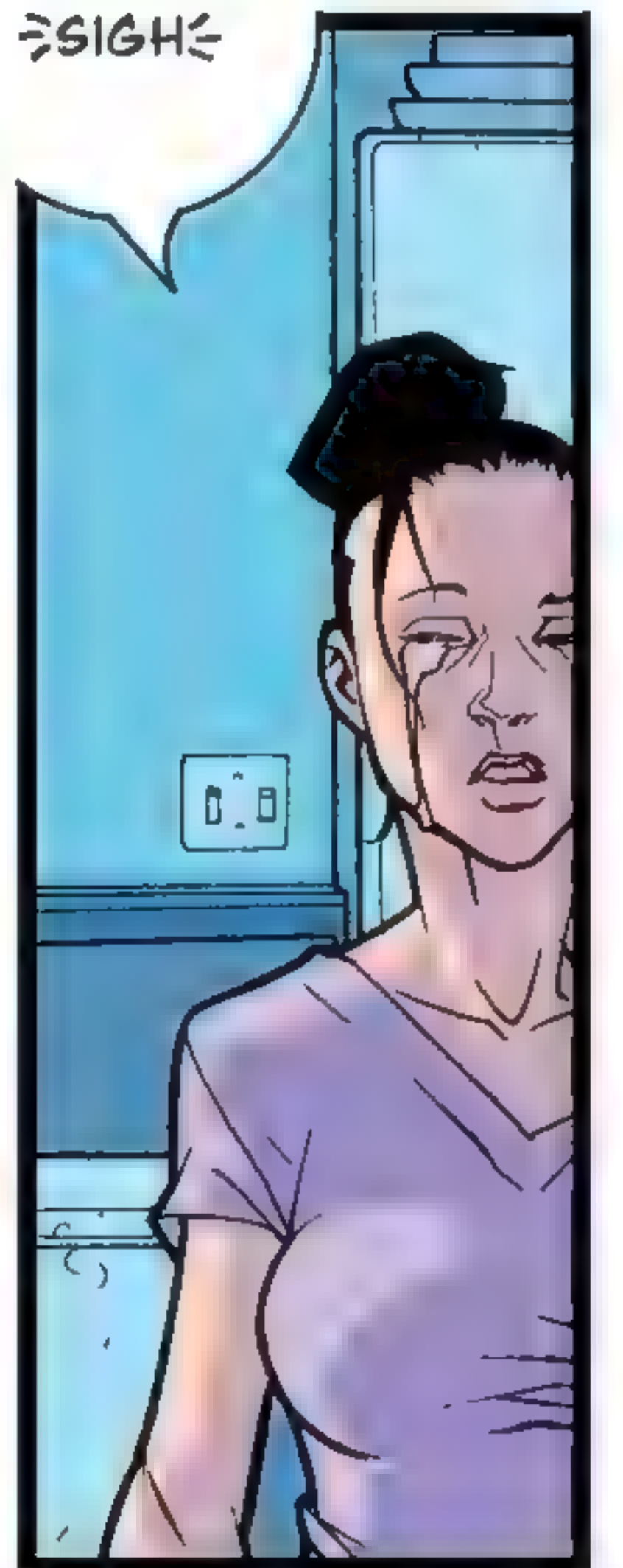
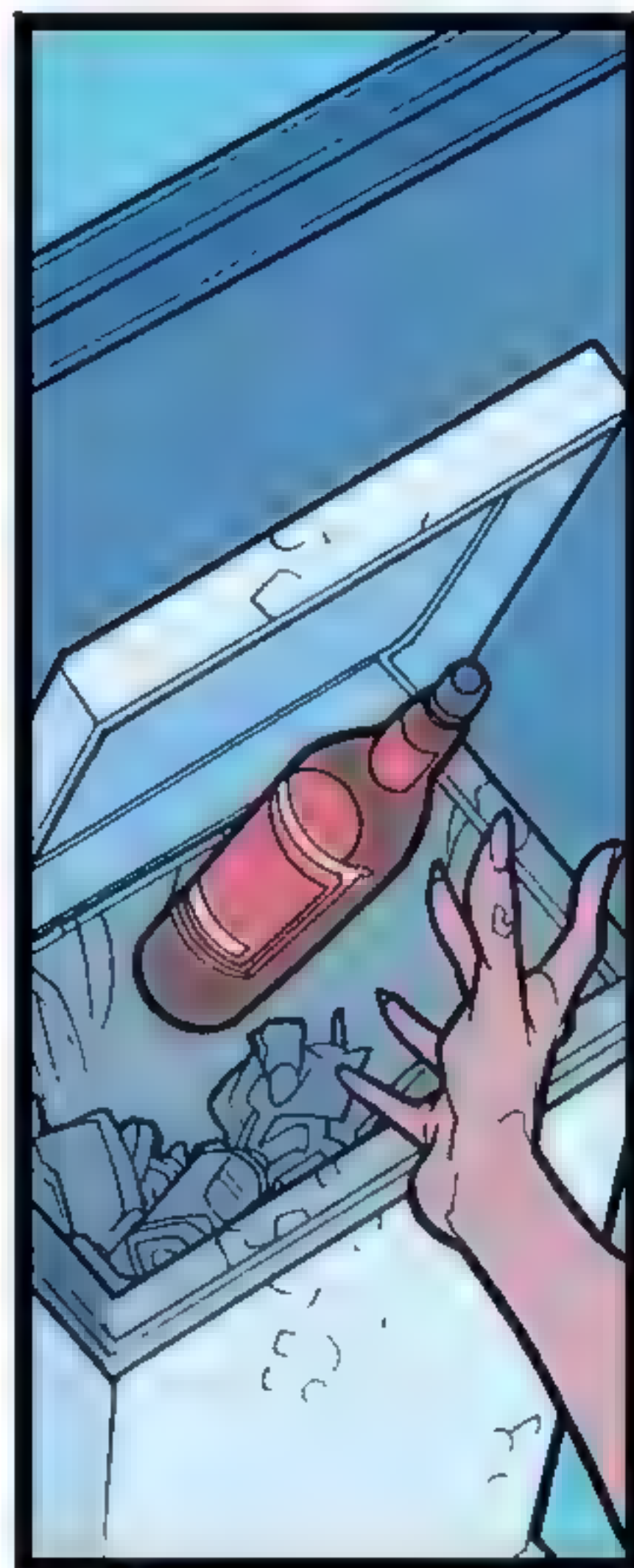
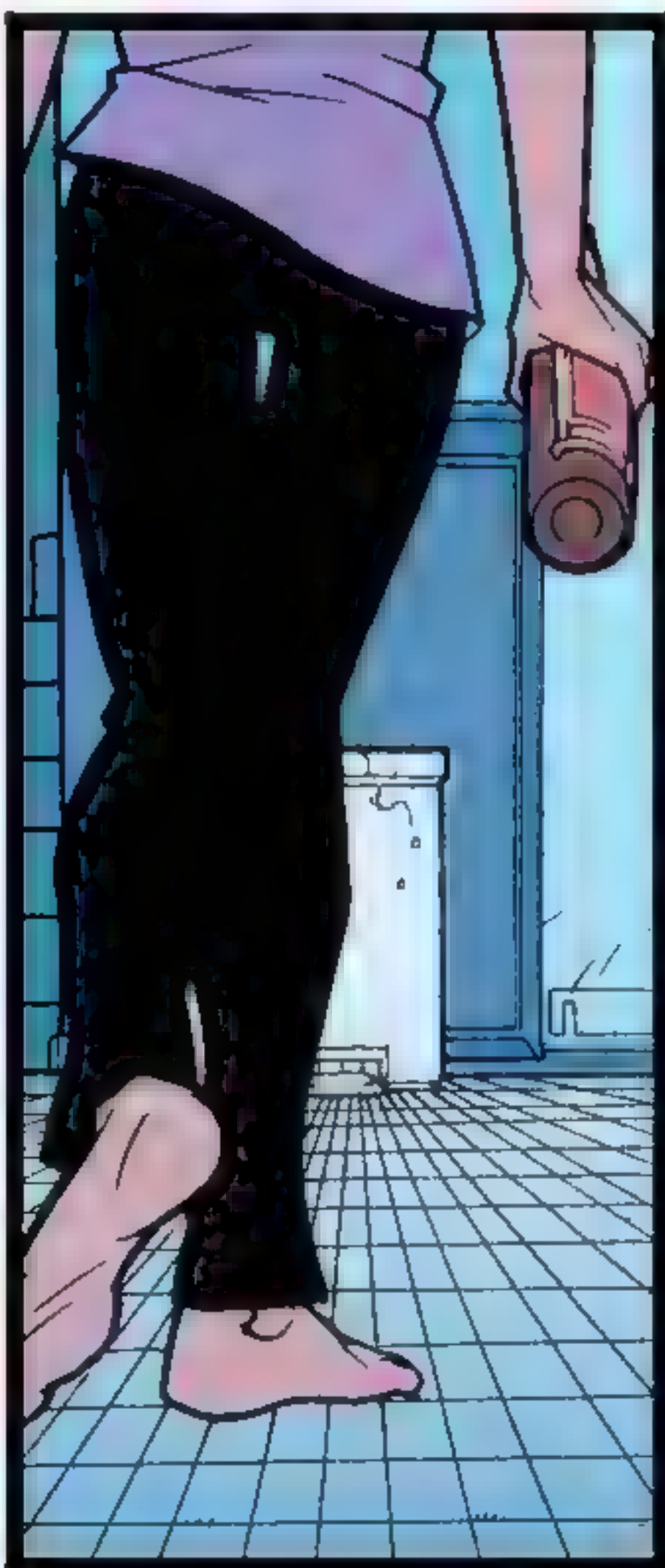
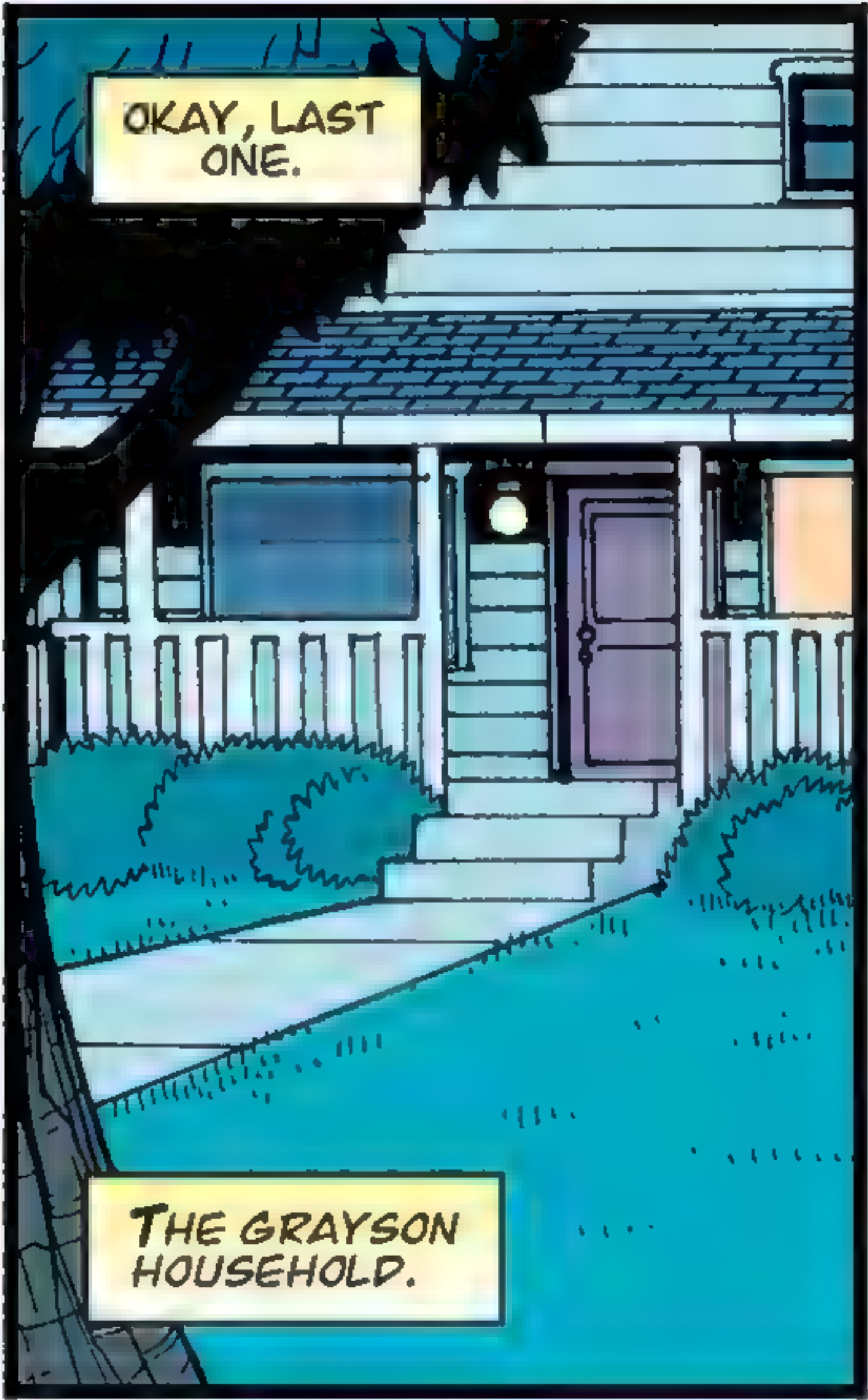
THEN THEY DIE.



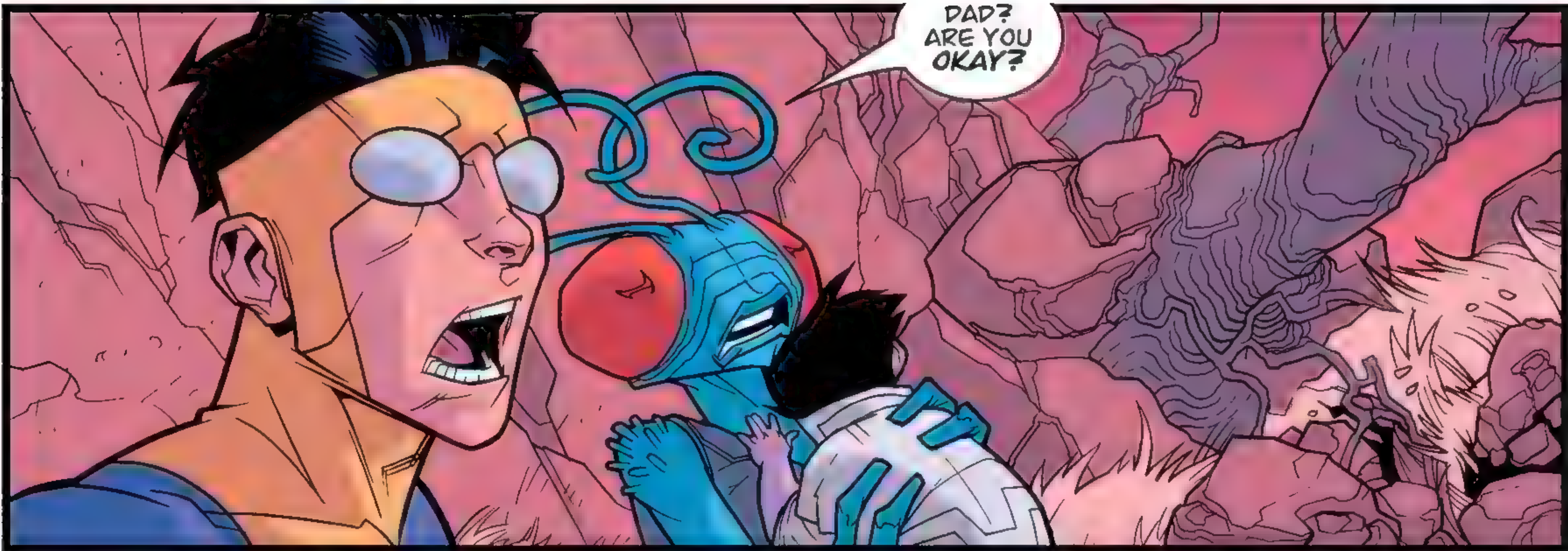












DAD?
ARE YOU
OKAY?



THIS IS
NOT MY
BLOOD.



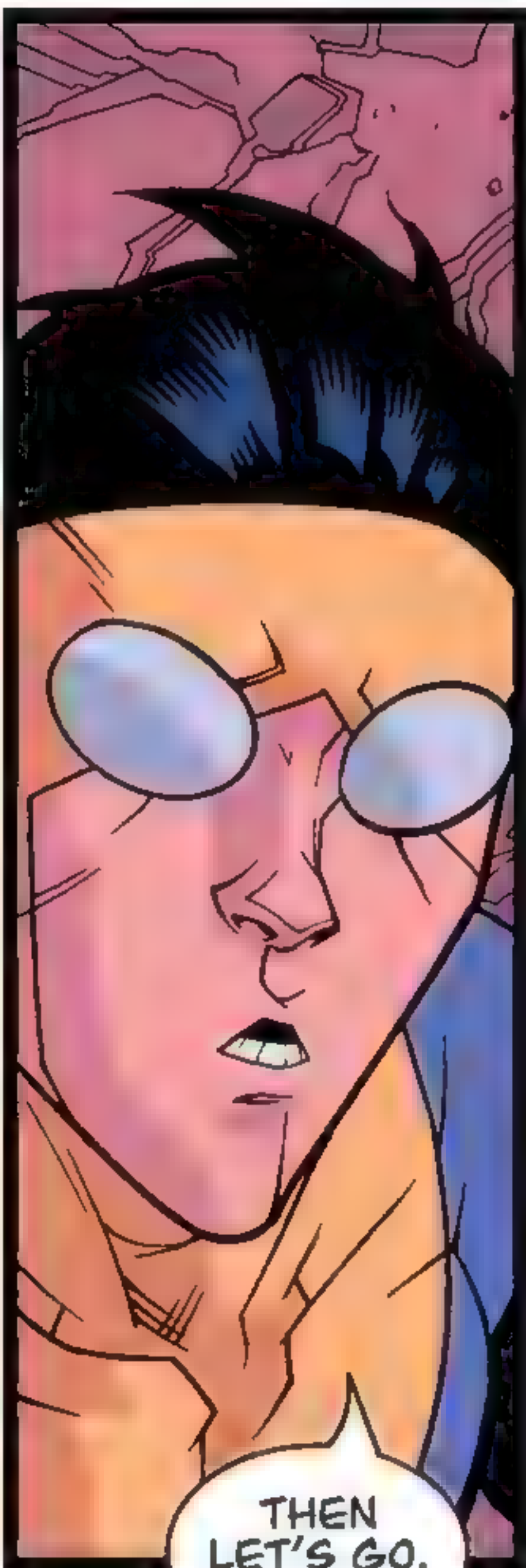
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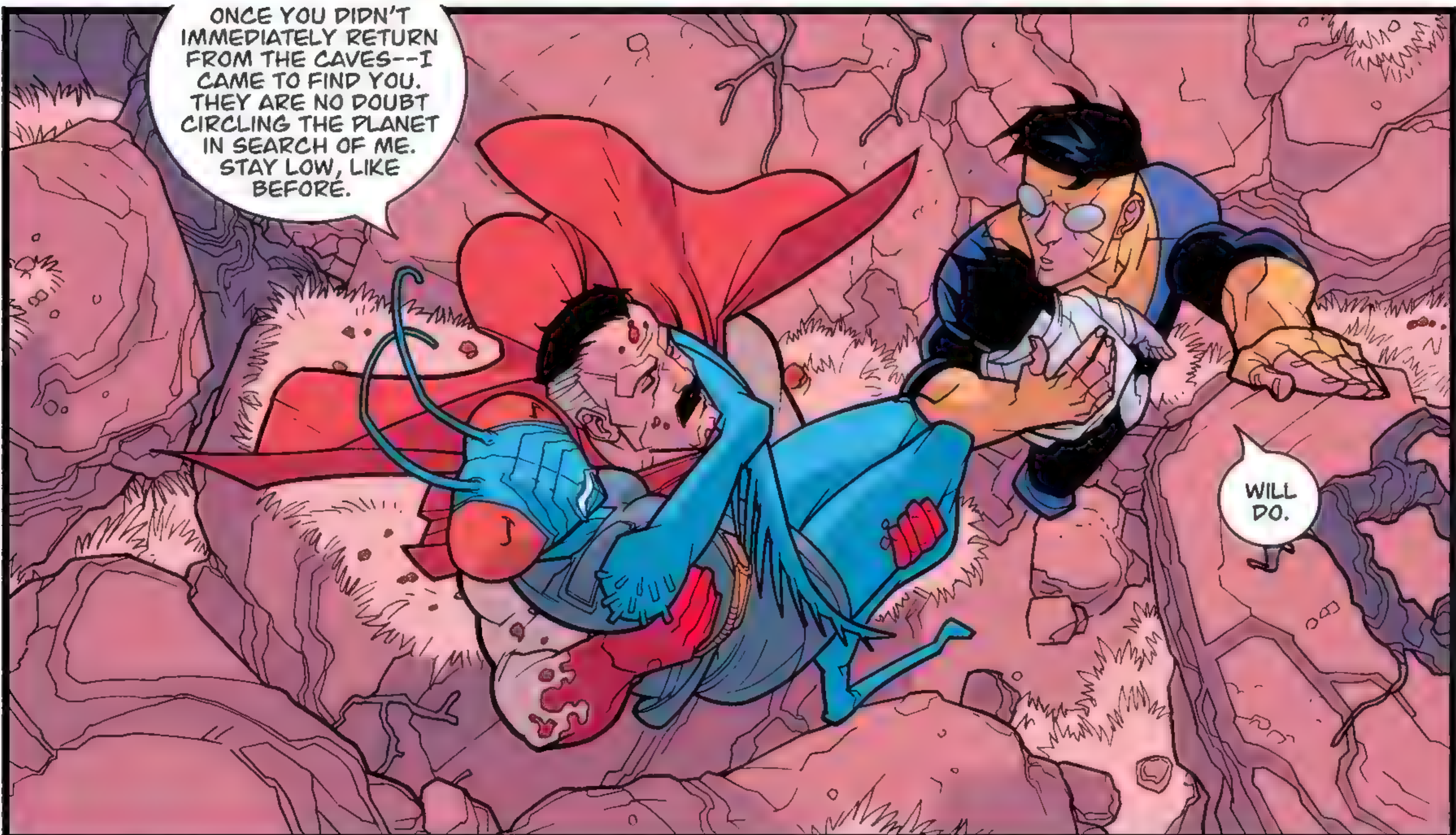
DEAD.

THAT
VILTRUMITE
WAS THE ONLY
ONE WHO **KNEW**
OF THE CAVES.
HE FOLLOWED YOU
ALONE. THE OTHERS
WON'T BE ABLE
TO FIND IT.

THEY
WILL BE
SAFE
THERE.



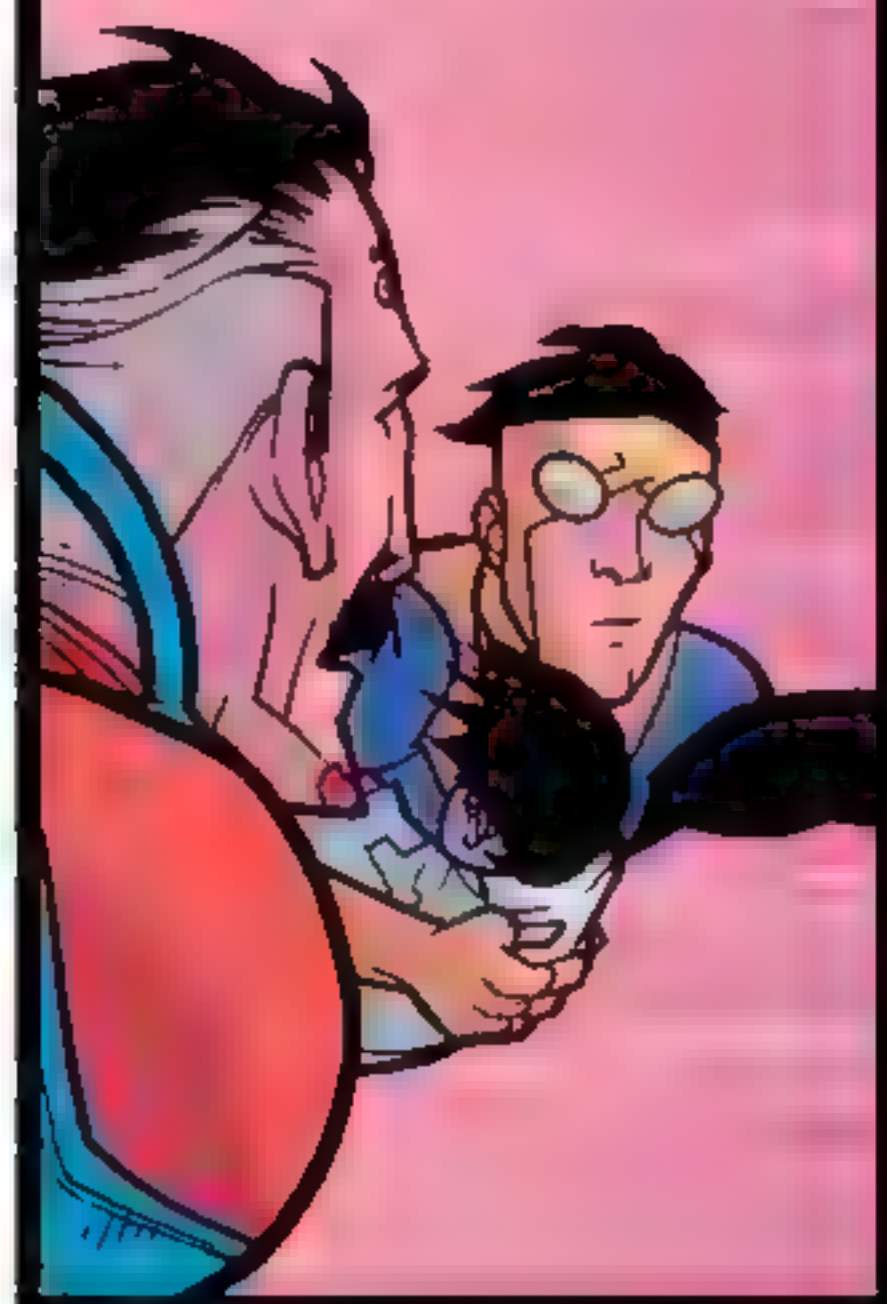
THEN
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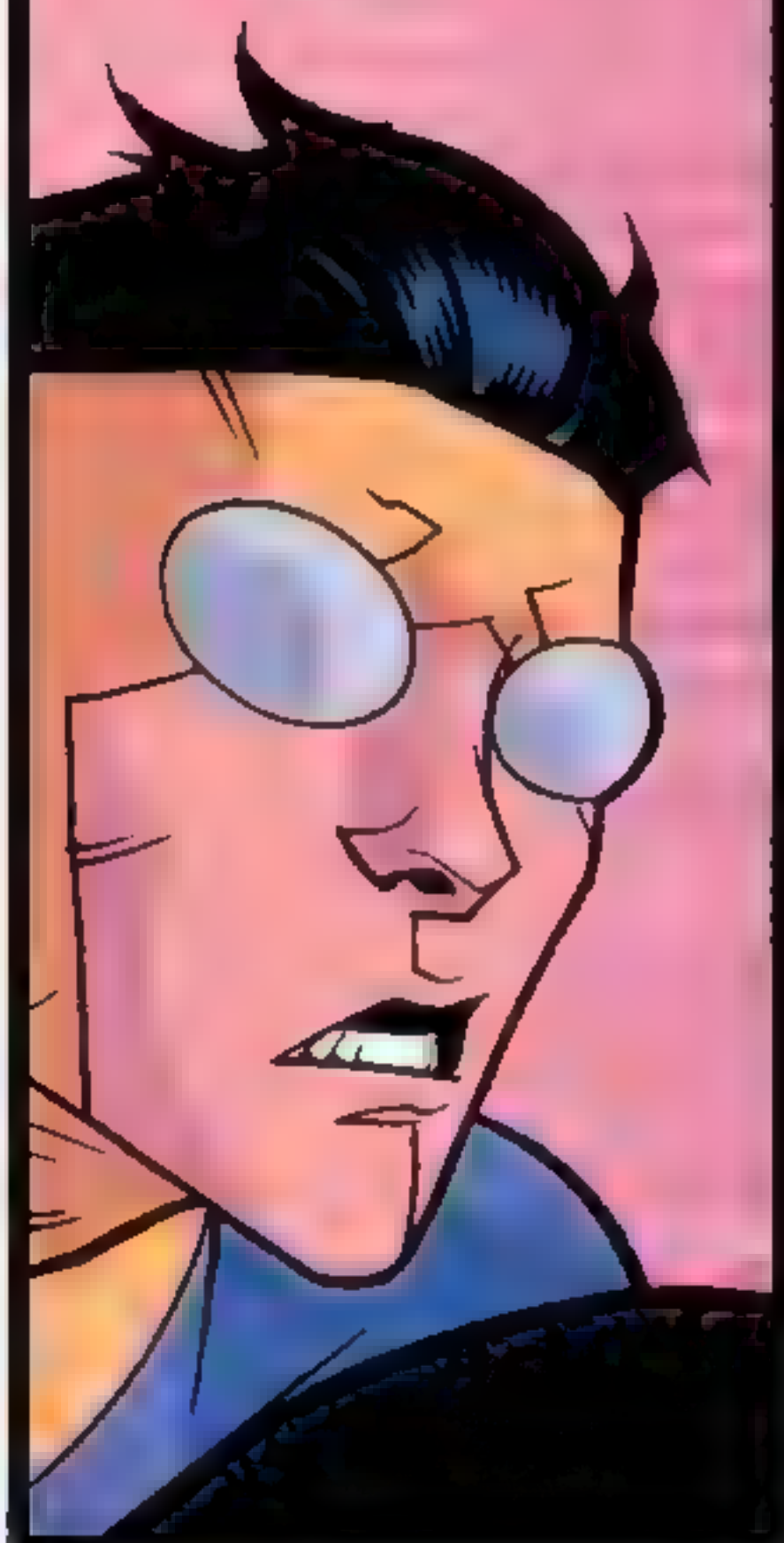
ONCE YOU DIDN'T
IMMEDIATELY RETURN
FROM THE CAVES--I
CAME TO FIND YOU.
THEY ARE NO DOUBT
CIRCLING THE PLANET
IN SEARCH OF ME.
STAY LOW, LIKE
BEFORE.

WILL
DO.

BE READY TO CATCH ANDRESSA, MARK. IF THEY FIND US, I WILL THROW HER TO YOU AND YOU WILL TAKE BOTH OF THEM TO THE CAVES.



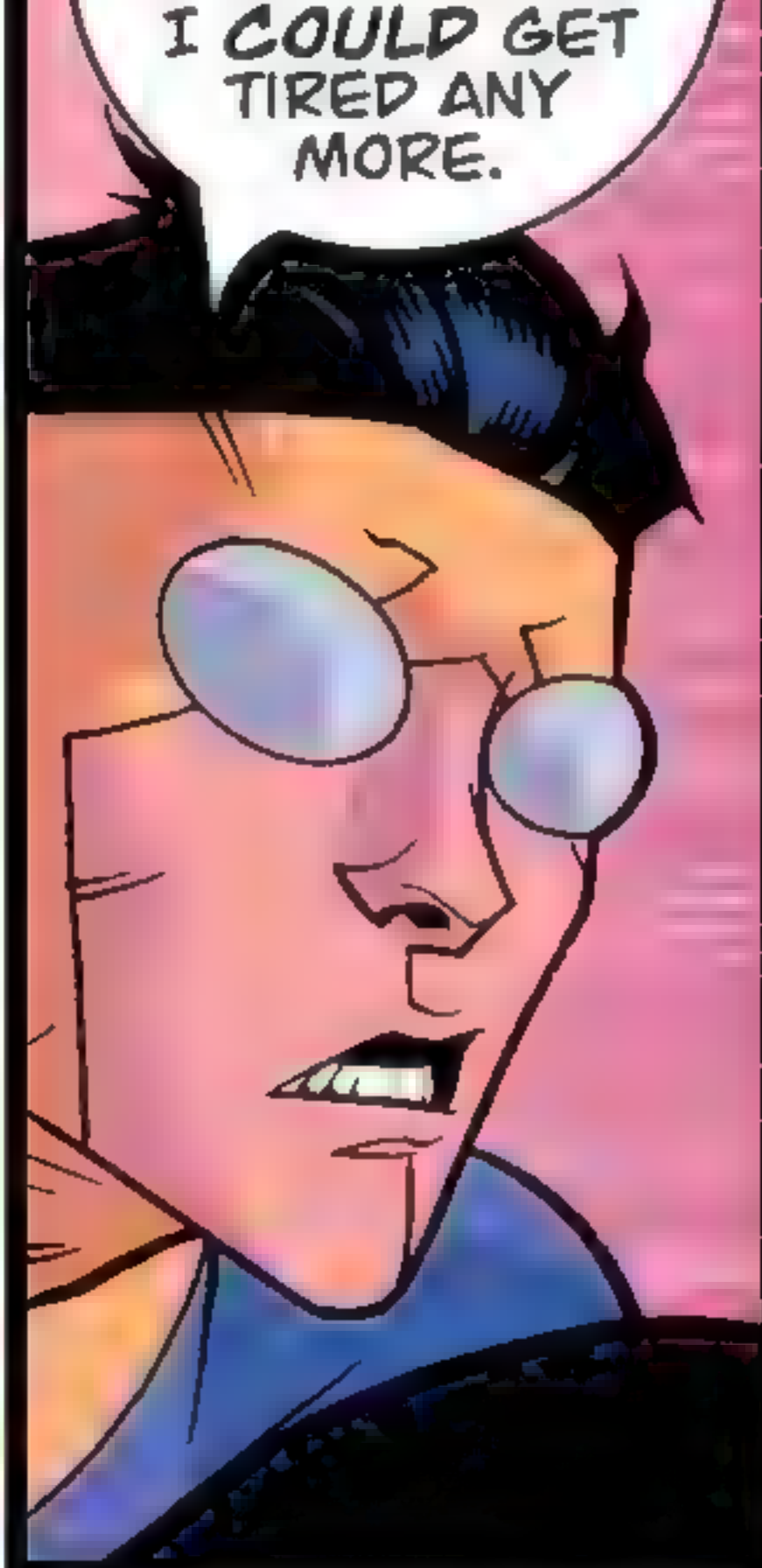
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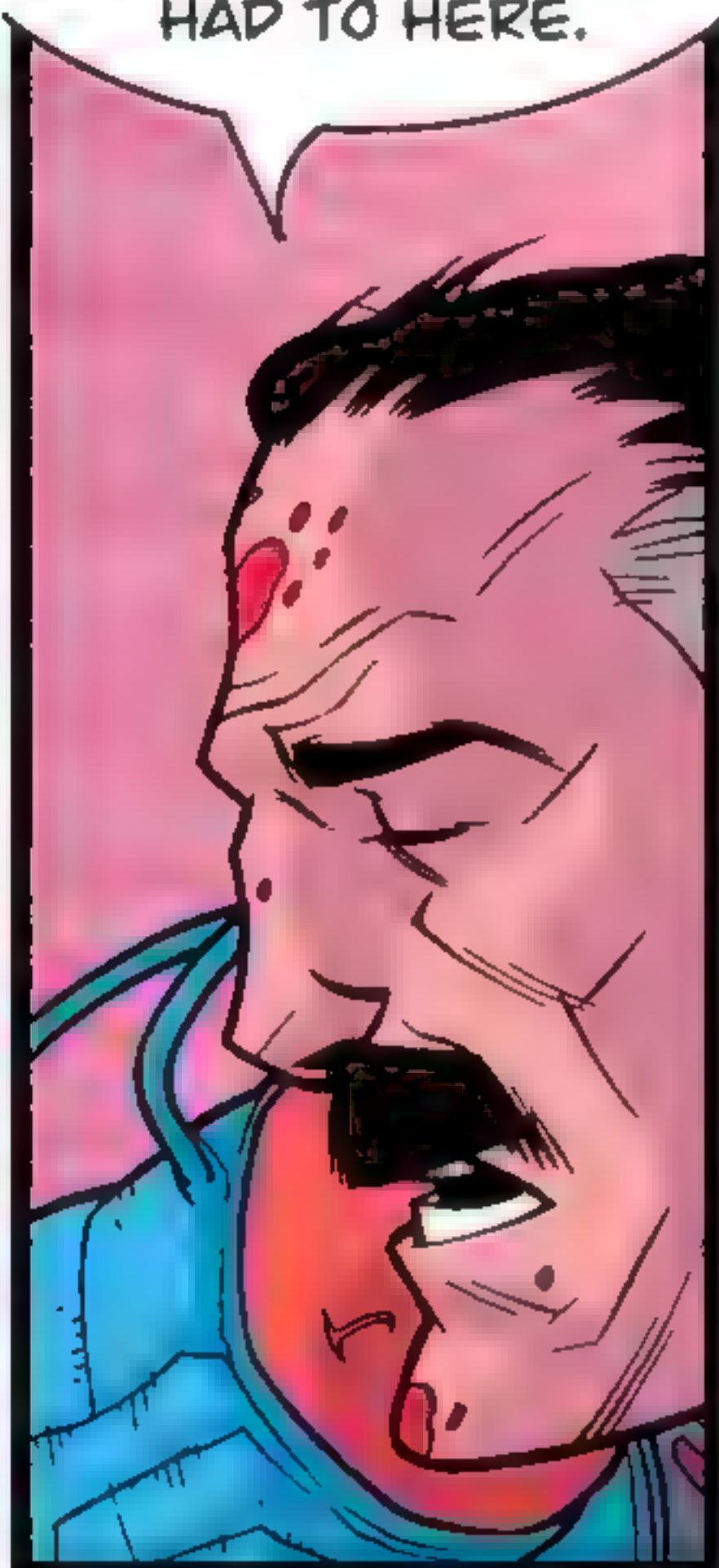
MARK. ARE YOU OKAY?



I GOT TIRED, DAD. I NEVER GOT TIRED BEFORE. I DIDN'T KNOW I COULD GET TIRED ANY MORE.



YOU HAVEN'T BEEN PUSHING YOURSELF. YOU'RE NOT USED TO USING YOUR POWERS AS MUCH AS YOU'VE HAD TO HERE.



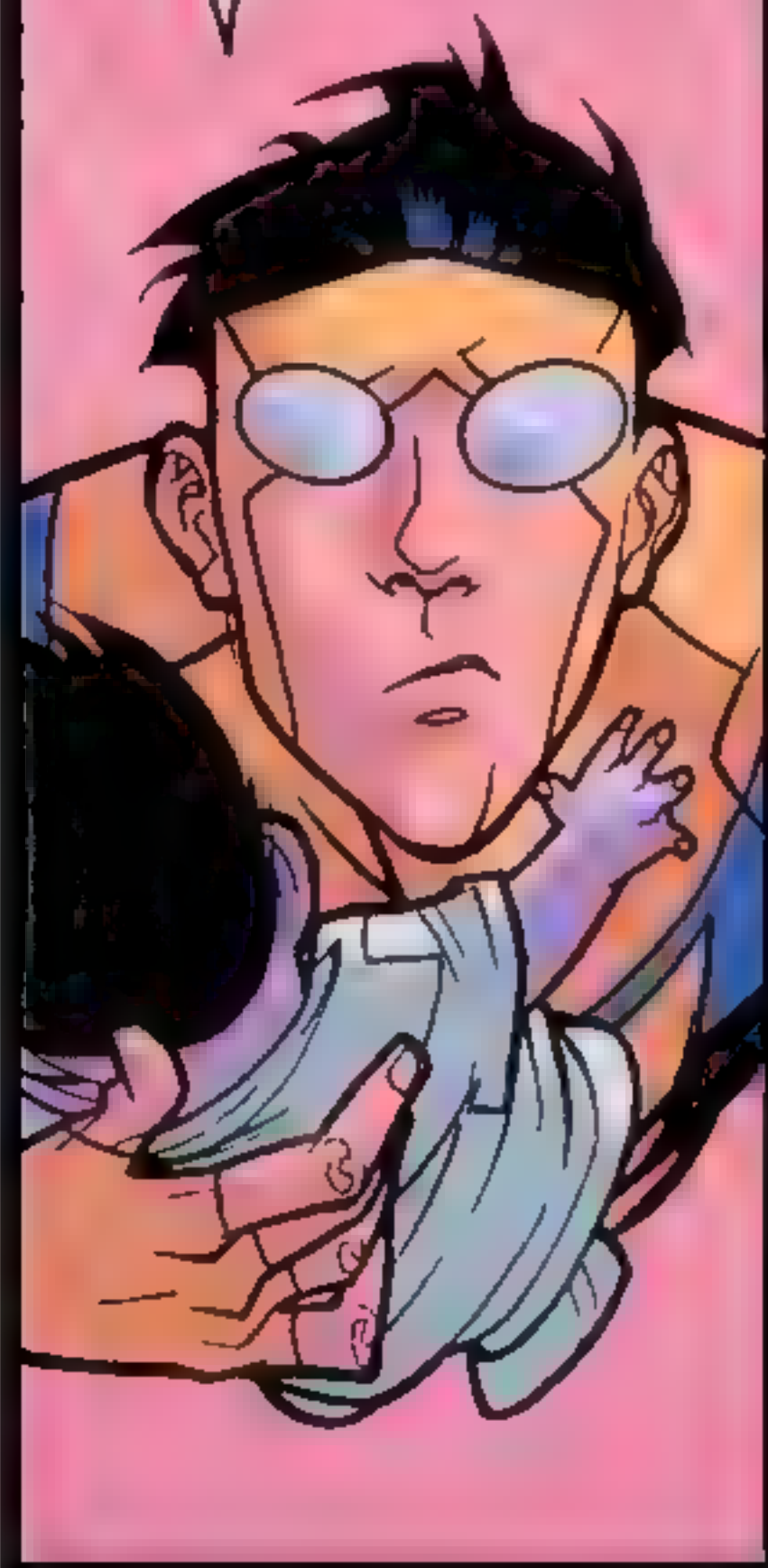
YOU MEAN EXERCISE?

YES. PRETTY MUCH. YOU'VE GOT TO PUSH YOURSELF FROM TIME TO TIME--JUST IN CASE THINGS LIKE THIS HAPPEN.

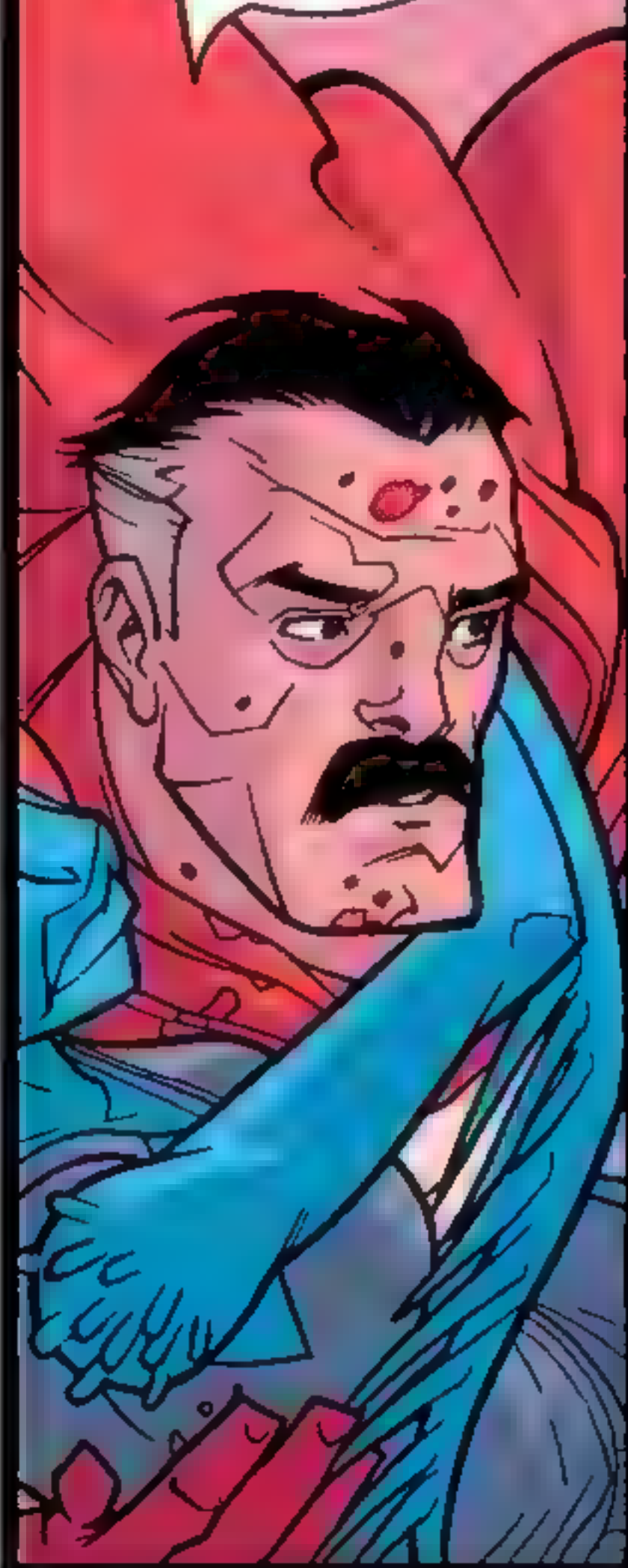


I HADN'T EVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT.

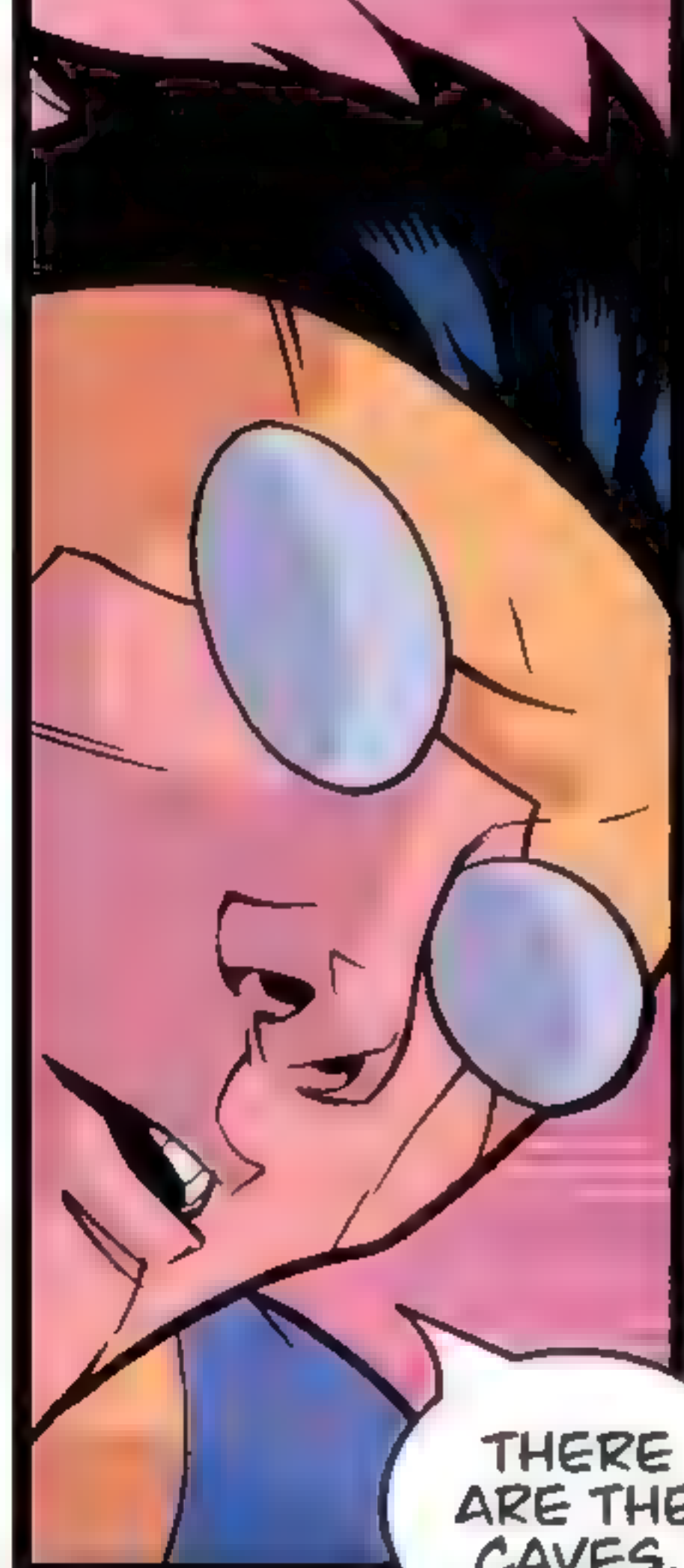
WEIRD.



YOU TAKE TOO MUCH FOR GRANTED, SON. YOU'VE GOT TO RESPECT YOUR POWERS MORE.



UH... OKAY.

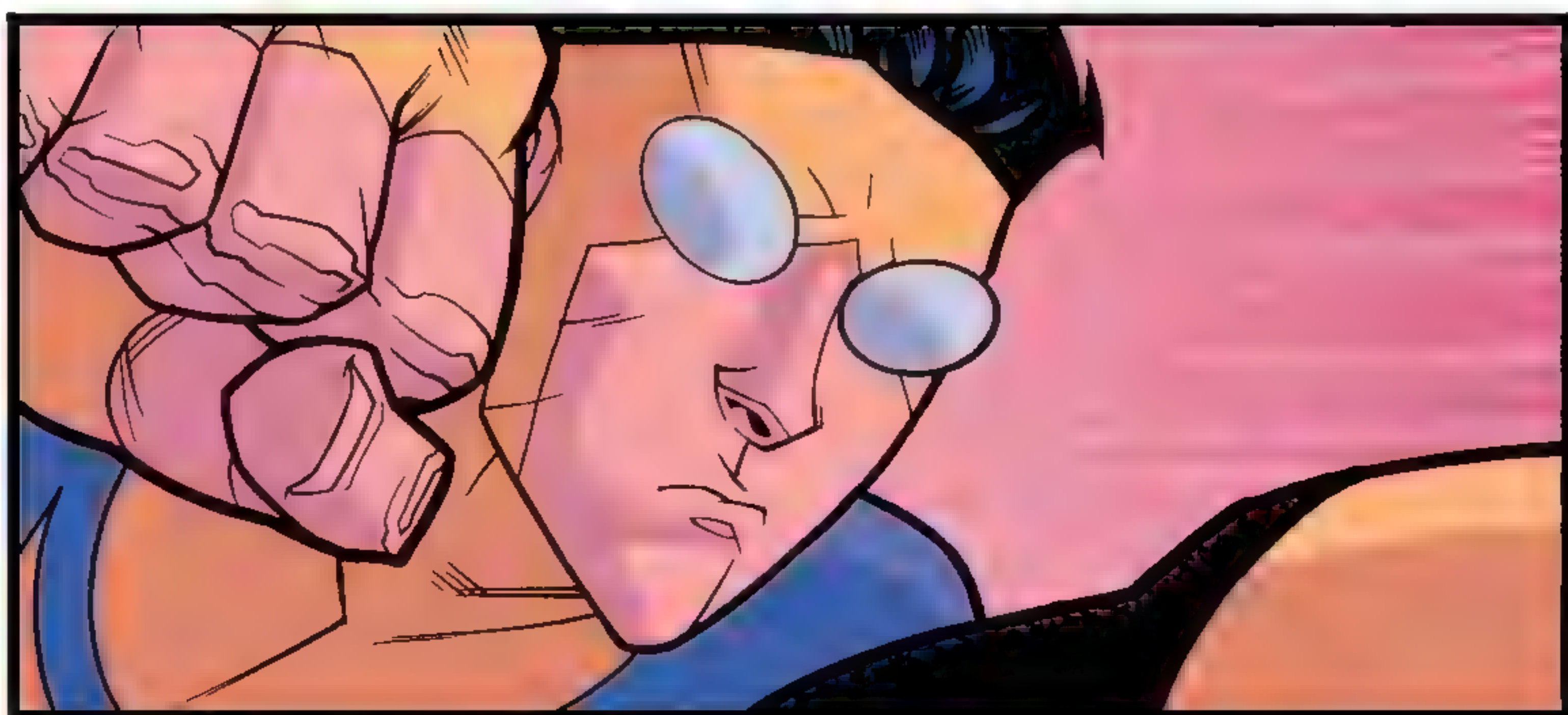
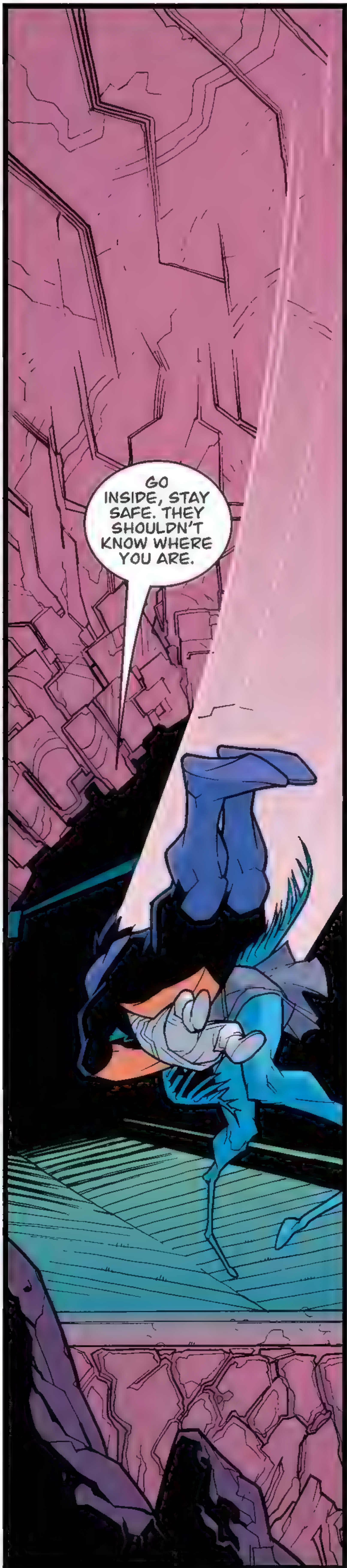


THERE ARE THE CAVES.

I'M HEADING BACK TO THE CITY. MEET ME THERE.

MAKE SURE THEY'RE SAFE.







DAD?

OH,
MAN... I--
WHAT ARE
WE GOING
TO DO
NOW?



DAD?

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PEN INVINCIBLE PALS

Welcome to issue 28--the middle of this grand return on Nolan arc. Lots of fun. I hope you guys are digging it.

I'd like to welcome aboard good ol' Cliff Rathburn as inker over Ryan's luscious pencils. Cliff should be on until issue 31 or so... giving Ryan time to spend with his new son Quinton and his old wife Erin. Cliff's inks are looking mighty fine if I do say so myself so I think you'll all enjoy his time here on this book. Feel free to write in and tell us what you think.

Anyway, we're working feverishly on this book trying to get it back on schedule--so let's just dive into the mail, shall we?

So of all the guys (and one girl) from my store, only one enthusiastically tells others about my letters in your books. I'd like to give a shout out to Dan at Speeding Bullet Comics! Hey Dan! Alright, now for some gushing. I liked the exchange between Mark and his Dad. I figured this would be a fight and "How could you?!" kind of issue. But we get bug slurpin and baby brothers instead. And I knew something was up with Robot. Maybe we'll find out exactly what in issue 100...right?

Maybe... we're taking our time with that one.

OK questions:

1. Oh please can you let Bendis guest star? Not write, but be IN the book, like he included Jenkins. I can picture him as a cheesy Silver Age villain, tryin to crack the Internet in half or something.

Brian is way too lame to appear in this book. When he stops being so lame... maybe I'll let him, but until then, he's just TOO lame.

2. So is the new baby brother going to age faster, being part bug? Have you established Mark's possible lifespan, not being full Viltrumite and all?

It's all up in the air, it'd be hard to determine what his actual lifespan is. And as for the baby brother... stay tuned.

3. How cool is Godland? When IS the crossover?

Nothing planned as of now... but Godland IS cool.

4. I just read a solicitation for Marvel Zombies. Didn't I suggest that a long time ago? Can't wait!

Your royalty check is in the mail.

5. Man, how cool is MTU 15 gonna be? What If: Thor sounds cool too. Not sure how you're gonna work that out though... What "What If" story would you love to write?

What If Robert Kirkman took over Ultimate Spider-Man?

6. If I wrote a graphic novel adapting Hume's Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion, would you letter it for me? Could you get Ottley and Crabtree on board? Do you agree with Philo or Cleanthes? Do you remember how much college sucked?

Sure man... we'll put Invincible on hold and do your book. Sounds like a plan! And yeah... I hated college.

Sorry not many Invincible questions. I guess that means you need to be more controversial. Or at least less comprehensible. I have probably taken for granted that you print my letters every month. So thanks man. Oh, and I have a buddy out there that never buys this book, even though his best friend is printed every month. So Cheyne, you suck. Now buy this book cause you're name is in it.

So keep up the goodness, but do try to thrown in more confusing stuff or something to get us fans all riled up. Like announcing Liefeld will be drawing an arc. That would do it, so until then,

Your Fan,
Chris Pitts

Why's everyone gotta be bagging on Rob all the time. Did that guy punch everyone's grandmas while I wasn't looking?

Hey Robert!

What gives, huh? You print this Rob Steal Guy in every issue (sometimes twice!) and you won't print me cuz I got rejected by Sonic the Hedgehog? Those letters were too damn good for Sonic anyways. Tell Alex at the comic store to keep his Fruit Punch stocked. You should print me, cuz I have to give up all my Saturdays to work a crappy part time job just so I can afford everything with your name on it. Rob Steal says I smell like fish at the end of a day of work, also. Do you think Sonic and Invincible will ever team up? Oh and BTW this is "OKAY TO PRINT"!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

P.S if you print this, I'll change my name to Robert Kirkman Jr.

-R.R

You're printed... hurry up and get on that. I expect a scan of your new driver's license by next month.

Mr. Kirkman,

I picked up my books today and just saw that you printed my letter. I'm the guy who asked about your website but then went on and on about why you should print me in an attempt to be funny.

Yeah, I really shouldn't have printed that letter.

Rereading that letter, I realize now that it really was retarded! My apologies...

Now I'm thinking I shouldn't be printing THIS letter.

Seeing Mark reunite with his father was truly moving. And you once again shocked me with the last page... I wonder how long Mark's new little brother's life-span will be? You made a big deal about how short these creatures life spans are. I'm sure that question will eventually be answered.

So, when the heck is that website of yours gonna be running? I will ask this question until it finally becomes live!

Roch Vaillancourt

I think I can say without a doubt that my website (in some form) will be up very soon... before summer 2006 at the latest.

Mistah Kirkman:

Really liked MTU 13, man! It was a fun issue with all the shinies and witty dialog that we've come to know and love, and it also gave an ocean of depth to the villains of this arc. So many books struggle to come up with one or the other, it's great to know that both in one issue is not only possible, but available.

Keep your stuff on the shelves, boy!!

Sincerely,
Ryan Walsh

Wrong book, jerk. You meant to send this to: mheroes@marvel.com. Make sure you remember to mark it "okay to print."

Okay, so moustaches then. Greg O'Driscoll is obviously some kind of lunatic if he thinks moustaches = evil, because, well, because of Magnum PI. Surely that proves beyond a doubt that his hypothesis is nonsense!

Oh, #26. We've been needing this confrontation between Vince and his Dad for a long time. Parents are tricky to talk to at the best of times, and it's even tougher when they're screwed up in some way. How do you handle it when the people you look up to most in the world fall short of expectations? You did some great work with this; it was utterly genuine and just absolutely spot-on.

And a brother! Invincible has a brother! Wowzers! Of course, he's going to have to take him back to Earth with him, isn't he? Because of the impending Viltrumite invasion, and the fact that everyone he knows will be dead of old age before he's five. Vince isn't there to fight the Viltrumites, he's there to take his brother home. What will Mum think? Oh boy...

Kelvin Green

I think you'll be very surprised when you see the final fate of Mark's little brother...

DAAAAMN KIRKMAAAN!!

I just had a few things I wanted to say to you. One of them being I was never an Image fan, and I don't know why either. I always enjoyed the Marvel characters way better. However, you sir, have made the impossible possible. You turned me into a huge fan of an Image character. Invincible is so freakin awesome, SERIOUSLY MAN AWESOME!!! I had a couple questions for you.

1) So what ethnicity is Mark? The reason I ask is because I myself am Hispanic and when I saw Mark, his father, and mother they kinda looked Hispanic.

Mark is Viltrumite-American. It's a new one.

2) My second question is if this movie does happen don't you think it would be awesome to see a Hispanic super-hero on screen?!! Well I do cuz I think its time for a change like that.

I would have no objection what-so-ever to a Hispanic actor playing Invincible.

I'm moving to New York in a year or two because it's my dream to become an actor. Who knows maybe I'll audition for this movie if it happens and I'll be in it!! Keep up the good work, man cuz the comic is my favorite right next to X-Men and

that's saying a lot from me.

-Michael Vera

Good luck with all that acting business, Michael.

PENvinciPALS,

First off let me say this isn't the first letter I've ever written to a comic, but it is the first time my letters been published (nudge, nudge wink, wink). **Funny guy.** I was one of the lucky ones who started reading Invincible from the beginning and must say it has been one of the better books out there. So much in fact that I have considered writing your character on a fan fiction website I am a moderator of but fear I couldn't do him justice. The site is <http://superheroshowdown.homestead.com/Homepage.html> which by the way I understand completely if you don't publish that address just threw it in there if you wanted to check it out. The site is where people can choose a comic character to write or role play as, battle for points to increase stat categories and interact with characters from other companies that normally wouldn't ever happen. Much like the unexpected news of the Invincible Spider-man story you're doing in Marvel Team Up #14 (betcha didn't see that transition coming did ya?)

ARE YOU CALLING MARVEL TEAM-UP #14 FAN-FICTION?! HOW DARE YOU!! Heh.

I just finished reading #26 and am really looking forward to the future of Mark's little brother. What will his life span be? Will it be short like his mothers or long like his father? Not to mention what kind of powers if any will the little guy have.

Man... are ALL you bastards going to ask about the baby's lifespan? Sheesh! All this stuff will be dealt with in the book. Not the letters column. Thanks for being interested though.

The storyline dealing with Robot is starting to develop and has me waiting for the next development.

I recommend this book to anyone looking for a good read and refreshing story. I also find myself buying every book you write because of Invincible got me hooked on your style and with all the delays it doesn't seem like I'm spending all that much money every month. ZING! Okay I didn't buy Jubilee because it was Jubilee I mean come on. You even got me reading Walking Dead and I am not a fan of B&W comics or that big of a Zombie nut.

Keep up the good work and here's to Invincible lasting past #100.

Jeff Lay

DELAYS?! There have been SOME delays, yes... but not MANY. I mean, sure we only put out 7 issues in our first year but since then we've put out 22 issues in 24 months if you count the #0 issue. So that's not that much of a delay. Then you've got people like Randy Lander saying that Invincible is practically by monthly! That would mean we did six issues a year! Screw that guy! (Just kidding, Randy. [Not really, guys.]) So yeah, there've been delays here and there but we've caught up for the most part and we're going to be totally on top of things very soon. It's something that's very important to us.

Yo! Robert,Dude!

Wow!! Dude, I'm glad those big wigs at marvel r starting to understand what Kirkmania is all about. The funny thing is, this is really only the beginning. Okay, here are my Q's please give me A's...

1. Cecil getting slaped should be an on going thing. That was awesome! Wait, is that how he got his scar?

Nope.

2.Okay, I'm willing to give William a chance...make him the new Green Ghost! I mean it GG is so kewl.

I like The Green Ghost... he may one day return--but it won't be William.

3. I think I saw Doc Seismic at the A&W, do u think he's plotting revenge?

The A&W? The burger place? For more Doc Seismic action make sure to hunt down The Pact #4 on sale now. It's written by me and features some totally sweet art by Jason Howard. It's GREAT!

4. Am I weird for pronouncing Robot, Rob-ot?

Yeah, pretty much... but that's not the only factor.

5. I like the thick covers and curse me but I want nice looking issues! In a world of cgc, flimsy covers don't cut it. Even though it's all about the interior!!!! I'm thinking of the dude in 12 years who's looking for back-issues. Or god forbid my home catches fire and that dude is me!

Keep complaining and I'll set your home on fire. I think we've found a good paper stock for the covers now, these issues should be looking good. Issue 23 was a bit thin but I think 24 was perfect, so we're going for that from now on.

6. What's the update on the movie script?

Nothing to update... still developing.

7.Do you think that whoever doesn't read Fear Agent, sucks hard?

I wouldn't go that far but they should all certainly be reading it.

Thank you again for making my comic book world rock-You better have a zombie Deadpool in your marvel zombies! If not Marvel Team-Up his hamburger butt with Thanos I hear there's a love triangle there with that babe Death, that's never been touched up on!

Rob Steal

I'll put Deadpool in Marvel Zombies... anything to keep him out of Marvel Team-Up.

And that's all she wrote, kids. Thanks again for picking up another issue. Be sure to read CAPES now--it's right over there on the right hand page.

This month's pin-up is by Rodin Esquejo. Great job, Rodin.

See you cats next month!

-Robert Kirkman



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BOLT, HEY--HOW'RE THE KIDS? WE HAVEN'T REALLY SPOKEN SINCE THE LITTLE ONE STOPPED TEETHING LAST WEEK.

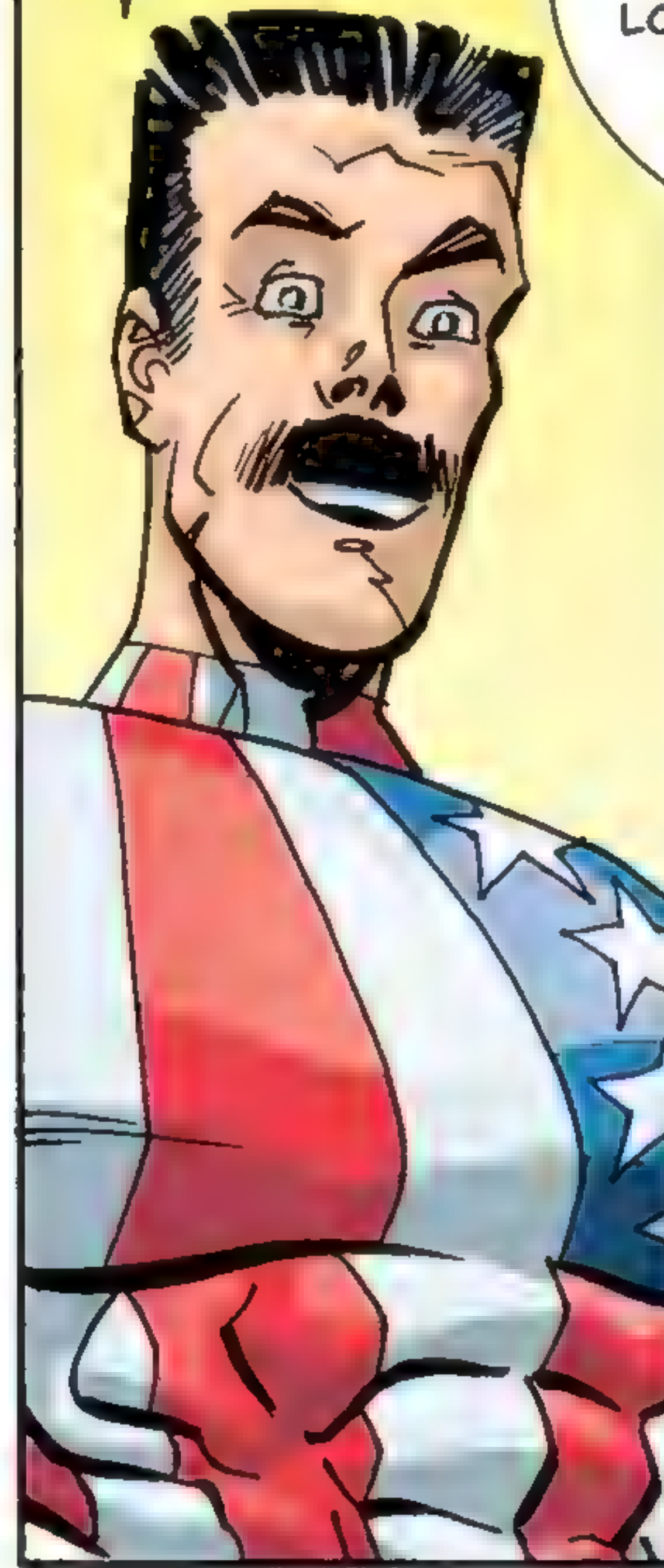
HM? OH, GOOD--EVERYTHING IS GOOD.



JULIE HAS GOTTEN STRAIGHT A'S AGAIN THIS PERIOD. RICHIE IS DOING REALLY WELL IN SOCCER. I THINK THEY MADE HIM TEAM CAPTAIN OR SOMETHING.

HOW ARE THINGS GOING WITH YOU AND HOLLY?

UH, I DON'T KNOW--**GREAT!** REALLY, THINGS ARE JUST GETTING BETTER AND BETTER WITH US. I MEAN, I'LL ADMIT THAT I JUST GOT WITH MY LITTLE SEXY IMMORTAL BECAUSE I LIKED THE IDEA OF HAVING A CHICK THAT'D NEVER LOSE HER LOOKS.



THING IS, I REALLY LIKE HER. SHE LOOKS LIKE A TWENTY YEAR OLD, BUT SHE'S LIKE TALKING TO A WOMAN MY AGE. I LOVE WOMEN MY AGE--THE ONLY PROBLEM I EVER HAD WITH THEM WERE THEIR LOOKS.



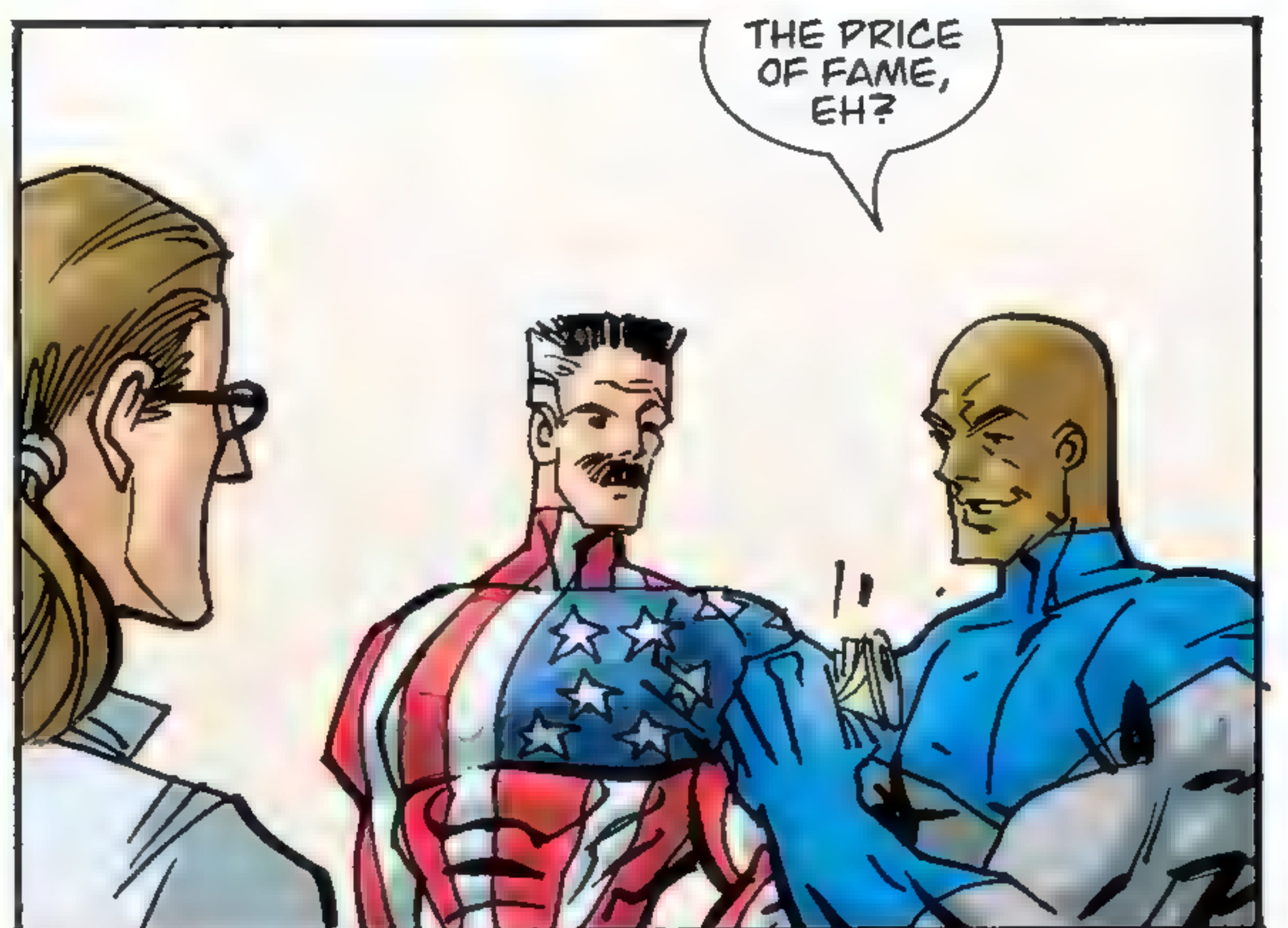
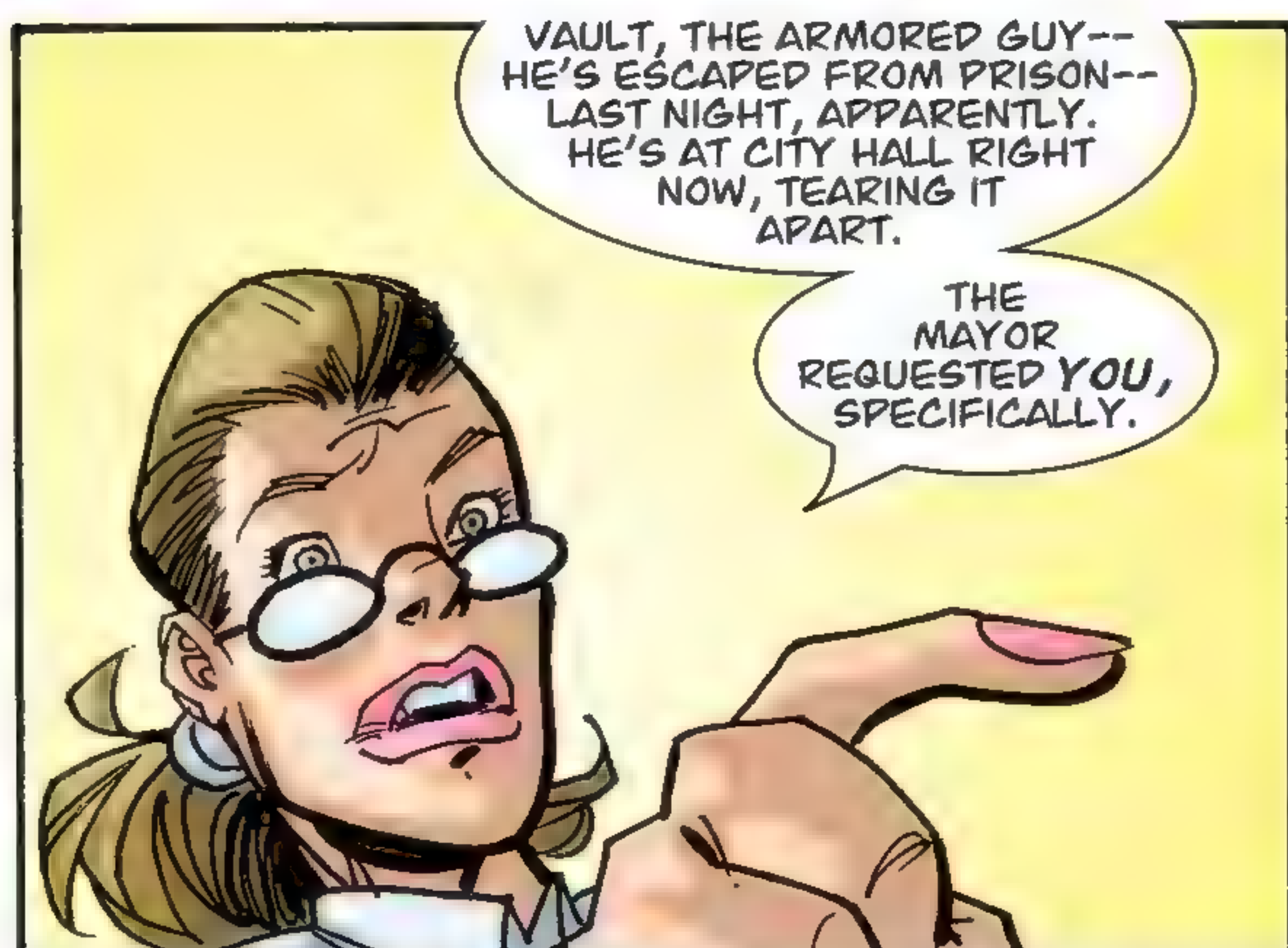
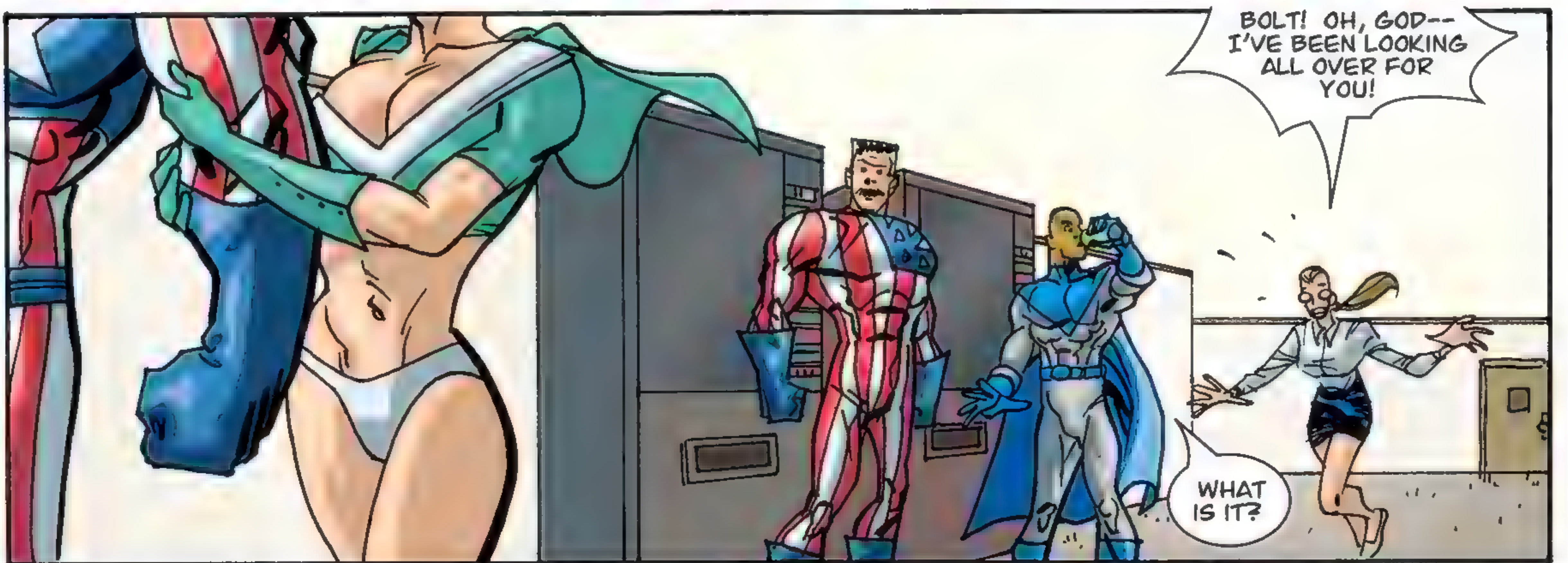
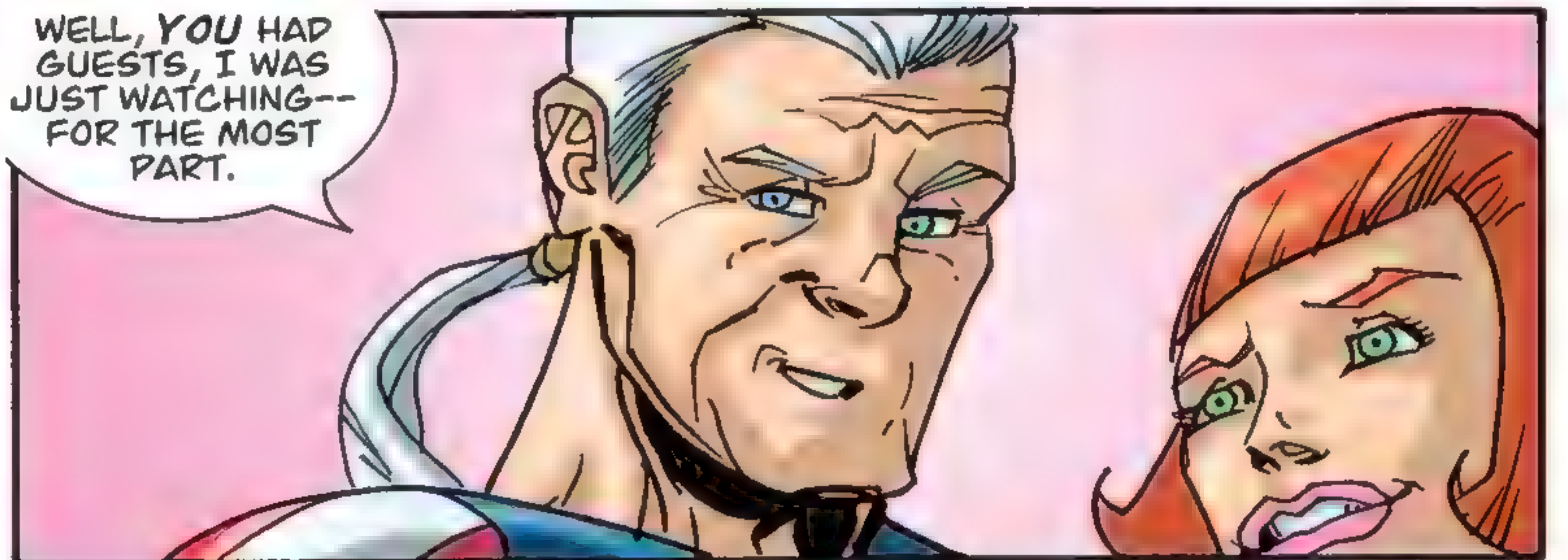
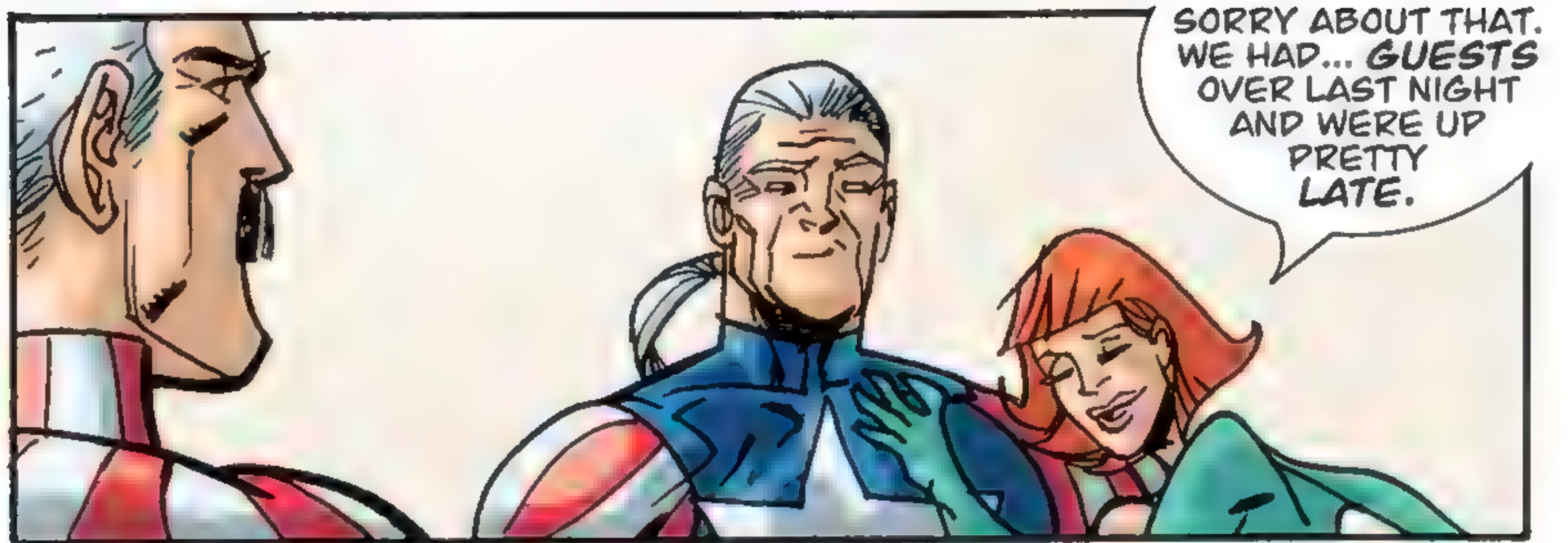
SHE TALKS ABOUT REAL STUFF, NOT STUPID CRAP LIKE YOUNG GIRLS DO. SHE'S GOT SELF-ESTEEM AND SHE'S SMART. I'VE ALREADY FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HER BODY--GOD HELP ME, I THINK I'M FALLING IN LOVE WITH HER TOO.

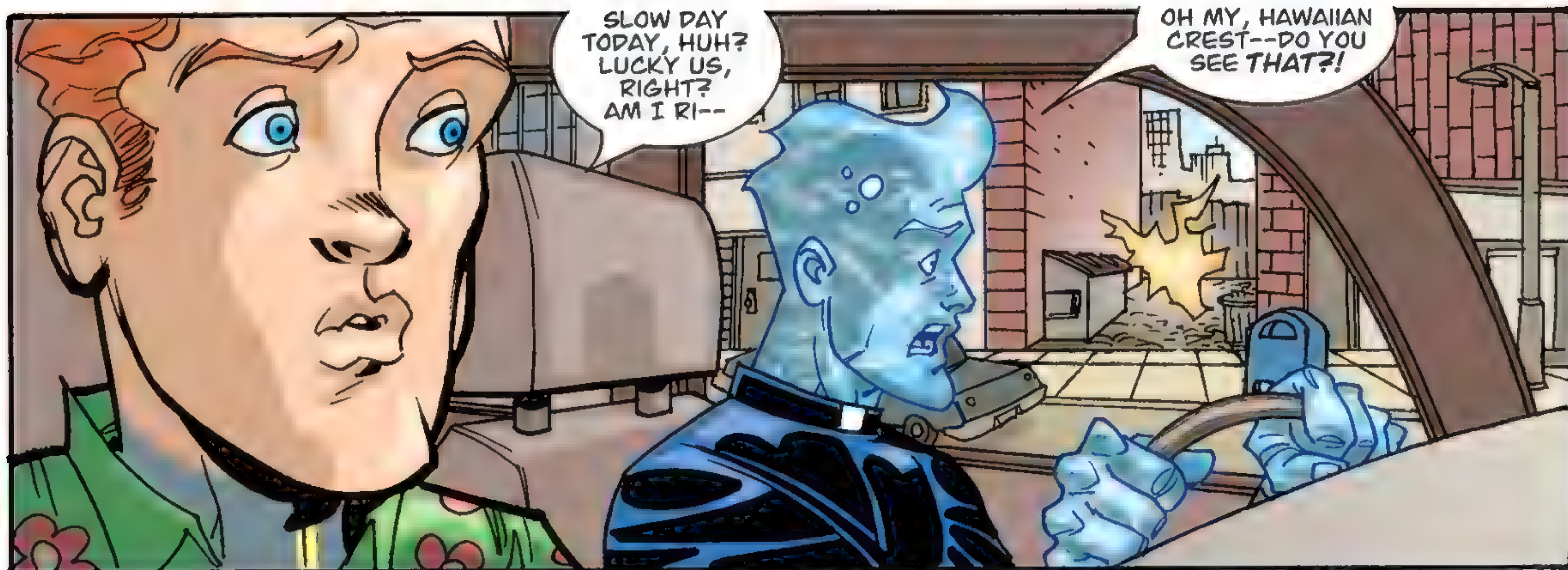


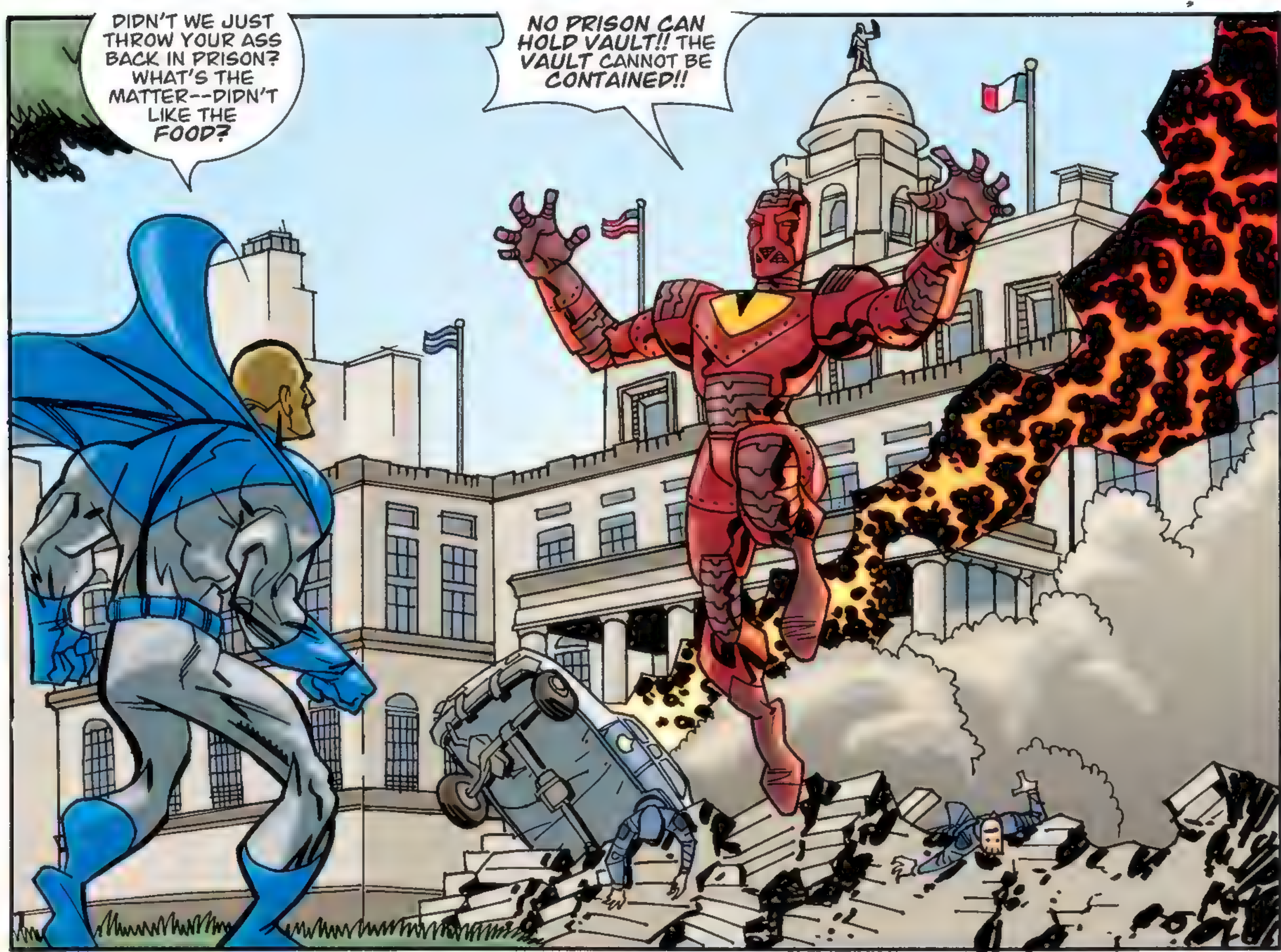
GOD HELP US ALL, PHIL--YOU'RE BECOMING A HUMAN BEING.

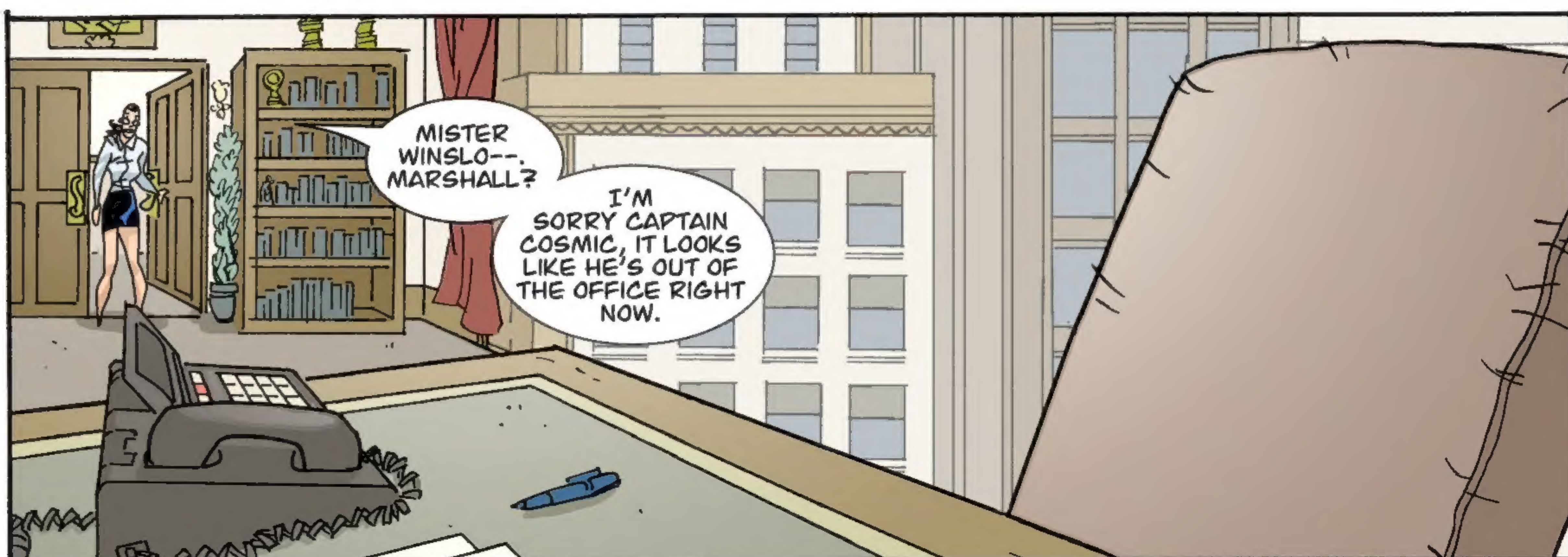
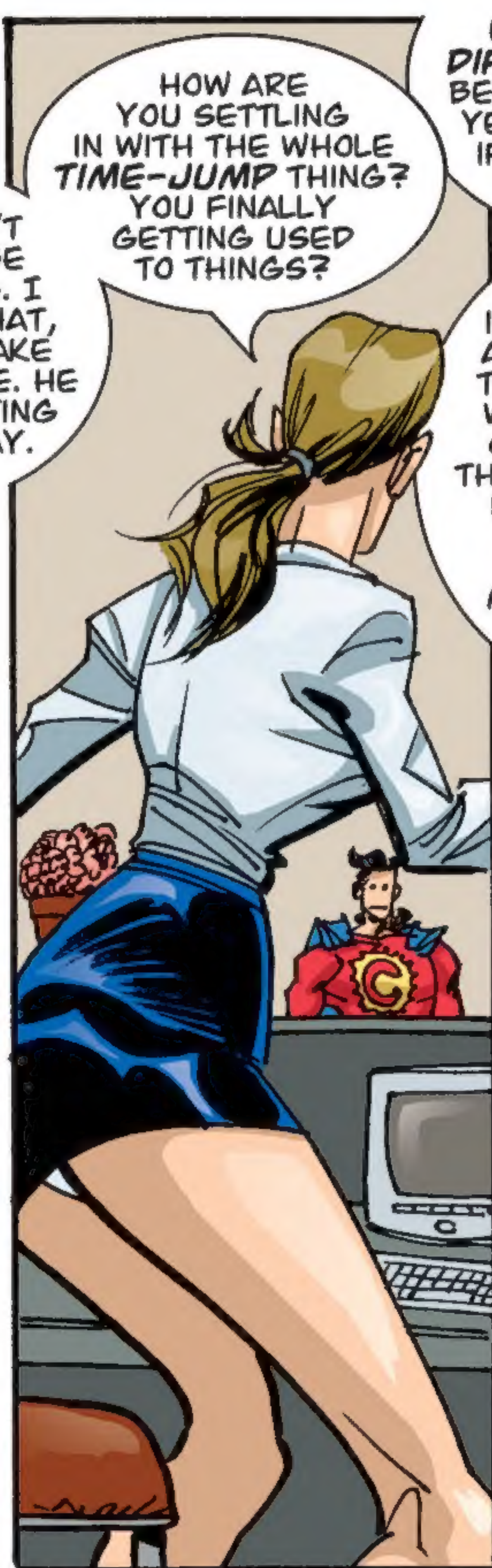
AW--COME ON.

HEY, GUYS. SOME MEETING, HUH?









"HE MUST HAVE
TAKEN AN EARLY
LUNCH."



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